

**MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NUNDA TOWNSHIP**

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
McHenry County } SS.
Township of Nunda }

The Board of Trustees met at the Nunda Township Town Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, Illinois, on Thursday March 14, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Township Clerk Smith recorded the following official business

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call answered by: Trustee: Karen Tynis, Trustee: Rob Parrish, Trustee: Johanna Donahue, Trustee: Tim Parrish, Supervisor: Leda Bobera-Drain. Also in attendance; Assessor: Mark Dzemske, Township Attorney: Scott Puma and public.

Public Comment: None

Budget Workshop: Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to review only line item changes in Budgets. Supervisor Bobera-Drain recited the following changes made to 2024-2025 Budgets for the all Town, GA, Cemetery and Assessors office and discussion followed.

Town -

IMRF line item decreased

Professional Services increased \$2,000.00

Legal Services increased \$5,000.00

Equipment Purchases decreased

Maintenance increased due to repairs needed at Supervisor and Assessors office

Clerical increased due to economy

Professional Improvements decreased

Travel Expenses decreased

Office Expense increased due to postage and toner increased costs

Phones decreased \$1,000.00

Health Insurance decreased

GA – Office Expense increased due to software subscriptions

Cemetery – Levy increased; Budget remained the same

Assessor -

Staffing increased due to a part-time employee moving to full-time status

Computer Expenses increased \$10,000.00 due to new charges for Adobe & Microsoft subscriptions

Phones increased – may have the potential to save on phone services

Health Insurance increased

Unemployment decreased

Social Security decreased

Contingencies increased \$15,000.00 due to legal opinions increasing on assessments

Digital Transfers increased

Public Hearing for Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Town, GA and Cemetery Funds: Discussion followed

Public Comment: Steve Platt 784 Flint Trl., Crystal Lake inquired if the Board has explored the option of applying for any grants that may be available such as Com Ed for Energy savings for the Township.

Motion for Approval of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Town, GA and Cemetery Funds: Made by: Johanna Donahue; Second by: Karen Tynis. No discussion. Roll Call: Karen Tynis (Yes), Johanna Donahue (Yes), Rob Parrish (Yes), Tim Parrish (Yes), Leda Bobera-Drain (Yes). Motion carries.

Motion to review and approval of the regular board meeting minutes, dated Thursday February 8, 2024: Made by: Karen Tynis; Seconded by: Tim Parrish. No Discussion. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Motion to review and approval of Town Fund(s) Transfer(s) of Appropriation from line item Staff Salaries 100-140-601 in the amount of \$868.00 to line item Digital Transfer 100-140-692: Made by: Johanna Donahue; Second by: Tim Parrish. Discussion followed. Roll Call: Rob Parrish (Yes), Tim Parrish (Yes), Johanna Donahue (Yes), Karen Tynish (Yes), Leda Bobera-Drain (Yes). Motion carries.

Motion to review and approval of Town Fund(s) Transfer(s) of Appropriation from line item Staff Salaries 100-140-601 in the amount of \$7,700.00 to line item Health Insurance 100-140-676: Made by: Johanna Donahue; Second by: Tim Parrish. No discussion. Roll Call: Karen Tynis (Yes), Johanna Donahue (Yes), Tim Parrish (Yes), Rob Parrish (Yes), Leda Bobera-Drain (Yes). Motion carries.

Motion to Approve for Payment Township Warrants for March 14, 2024 minus Township Warrant in the amount of \$10,812.50 for Attorney McArdle for the amount of \$24,197.25. Made by: Leda Bobera-Drain; Second by: Rob Parrish. No discussion. Roll Call: Tim Parrish (Yes), Rob Parrish (Yes), Karen Tynis (Yes), Johanna Donahue (Yes), Leda Bobera-Drain (Yes). Motion carries.

Motion to Approve for Payment Township Warrant for March 14, 2024 for Attorney McArdle in the amount of \$10,812.50. Made by: Rob Parrish; Second by: Johanna Donahue. Discussion followed. Roll Call: Johanna Donahue (Yes), Karen Tynis (No), Rob Parrish (Yes), Tim Parrish (Yes), Leda Bobera-Drain (No). Motion carries.

Motion to Approve for Payment Road District Warrants for March 14, 2024 in the amount of \$153,480.52. Made by: Johanna Donahue; Second by: Tim Parrish. Discussion followed. Roll Call: Tim Parrish (Yes), Karen Tynis (Yes), Rob Parrish (Yes), Johanna Donahue (Yes), Leda Bobera-Drain (Yes). Motion carries.

Approval of the April 9, 2024 Nunda Annual Town Meeting Agenda & Notice: Made by: Tim Parrish; Seconded by: Johanna Donahue. Discussion followed. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Approval of Expenditure of MFT Funds for the Highway Department: Made by: Karen Tynis Second by: Johanna Donahue. Discussion followed. Roll Call: Rob Parrish (Yes), Tim Parrish (Yes), Karen Tynis (Yes), Johanna Donahue (Yes), Leda Bobera-Drain (Yes). Motion carries.

New Business: None

Old Business: - None

Public Comment: David Duggan of 3115 S. Wood Ave., McHenry – Asked Mr. Parrish with respect to the \$10,000 bill passed, which he said was to protect them - if there was a vendetta against the Road Commissioner. Mr. Duggan explained as being a longtime resident of the township he has seen a witch hunt with another Road Commissioner and stated this board was acting the same way and expressed his dissatisfaction. Mr. Duggan said he has been in the Township since he was young and never has seen anything like what has gone on tonight. Mr. Duggan said we are spending almost \$11,000.00 in taxpayer's money to protect yourselves, this should stop.

Reports by Supervisor, Town Clerk, Highway Commissioner, Assessor and Trustees:

Supervisor Bobera-Drain – Explained the annual Easter egg hunt for the Township is scheduled for March 30, 2024.

Clerk – None

Assessor Dzemske – Explained land has been cleared at Rte. 176 & Terra Cotta for a Senior living building that is going to be erected and advised that Nunda Township does not have the advantage of a lot of industrial properties to help offset the County's equalized values of properties. Assessor Dzemske expressed his disappointment in the manner some residents treat the Assessor Office employees when they are doing assessments of properties and wanted to convey the Assessors office is conducting the assessments to assist residents and are always happy to help answer questions or offer suggestions on navigating through the property assessment process.

Trustee Rob Parrish –Explained he sits at the desk because he cares about the money that gets spent throughout the Township. Trustee Parrish stated the five or six of the board has done a fantastic job keeping costs down and actually abate money back. Trustee Parrish stated he has concerns of how money has been spent in the Road district; stating he has \$5.3 million dollars to spend however he wants. Trustee Parrish stated if he has to have an attorney to represent his best interest of being on this board or the majority of the board thinks the same we are going to do that.

Trustee Tim Parrish – Explained that he stated in the last meeting that he would not pay the Attorney bill if they did not have information, however, after rethinking that he has restated that decision as he doesn't know where this is going and stated that right now the situation that we are in, he is thankful they have representation. Trustee Parrish stated that the Attorney work being done is based on decisions that were made which were outside this boards control. Mr. Parrish referred back to the principle of why he ran for office and stated he is here to audit the bills and try to do what is right always.

Trustee Johanna Donahue – None

Trustee Karen Tynis – None

Supervisor Bobera-Drain distributed the Local Government in Illinois: A Comparison of Township Government report for the Boards review and stated the Decennial meeting will be held in April.

Document Signing by Officers and Trustees took place

Motion to Adjourn Made by: Johanna Donahue; Seconded by: Tim Parrish. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion carries.

Adjourned at: 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Smith
Nunda Township Clerk