

Township of Monee, in the County of Will, of the State of Illinois

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES-November 21, 2024

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Monee was conducted on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at Monee Township Hall, 26121 S. Egyptian Trail, Monee, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at the conclusion of the Truth and Taxation Hearing.

Board Members in Attendance: Supervisor Donna Dettbarn, Trustee Deborah Burgess, Trustee James W. Young, Trustee Terri L. Boles, Trustee Billy Morgan, and Clerk Bobby Lathan.

Board Members Absent: None

Other Elected/Appointed Township Officials in Attendance: Collector Ronald Poindexter.

Attorney: Mario Carlasare

Administrator: Willa Simmons

Members of the Public in Attendance: Donzell Franklin and Bridgette Simmons.

Press: None

Supervisor Dettbarn called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

Section 1: Minutes

Minutes for the Scheduled Meeting of October 17, 2024, were approved with corrections and amended. Motioned by Trustee Boles seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles and Dettbarn

Nays: None

Present: Morgan

MOTION CARRIED, 4-0-1

Section 2: Public Comments

Bridgette Simmons thanked the Board for the support of the Lions Football and Cheer Organization. She stated that the participants in their program are performing well. All Girls placed in Cheer Leader Competition and the Football Teams were in the Playoffs. She also extended an invitation to Board to attend the Lions Annual Banquet on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at Glenwoodie Golf Course.

Donzell Franklin is working to start a Group to get involved in Civic Engagement Program. His goal for this group is to develop young people to be future leaders in the local community.

Section 3: Supervisor's Report

- General Assistance
 - Report for October 12, 2024, through November 14, 2024
 - Intakes-28 Applications-12: Received Flat Grant-0: Received Other Aid-0: Pantry-54: Denied-1: Pending-11 -Terminated-0
 - Total Number on General Assistance- 0
 - Total Amount for General Assistance (GA)- \$ 0
 - Total Amount for Emergency Assistance (EA) - \$ 5,847.14
 - Total Amount for GA and EA- \$ 5,847.14
- Clerk Bobby R. Lathan Sr received the 2024 William Z. Ahrends Award at the TOI Conference in Springfield for Clerk Division.
Park Forest 75th Anniversary Committee sent thank you letter to Township for contribution to their Gala.
Kenco Company has sent volunteers to help at events and given donations to support the Township.

Section 4: Clerk's Report

- Only the Democrats sent a response to the Caucus Notices. Their notice was published in the Vedette.
- Bid Invitation for Building Expansion for Highway Commissioner was published in the Vedette on November 7, 2024. At the request of the Architect, the Bid Invitation was also published on Wednesdays, November 6, 2024, and November 13, 2024, Chicago Tribune Southtown.

Section 5: Highway Commissioner's Report

- Trained one of the workers to drive one of the larger trucks.
- Some road work.
- Repair Alarm to Building.

Section 6: Assessor's Report

- None

Section 7: Attorney's Report

- Reviewed Contracts for the proposed Expansion the Highway Department Building.

Section 8: Standing Committee/Commission Report

- None

Township Plan Commission Report

- None

Section 9: New Business

The Board approved 2025 Township Meeting Dates and Holidays. Motioned by Trustee Morgan and seconded by Trustee Burgess

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, and Dettbarn

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

The Board adopted the Monee Township Tax Levy for 2024 (Ordinance 24-003), collectable in 2025-2026 Budget Year. Motioned by Trustee Boles and seconded by Trustee Young.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, and Dettbarn

Nays: None

Present: Morgan

MOTION CARRIED, 4-0-1

The Board adopted the Monee Township Road District Tax Levy for 2024 (Ordinance 24-004), collectable in 2025-2026 Budget Year. Motioned by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Boles.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, and Dettbarn

Nays: None

Present: Morgan

MOTION CARRIED, 4-0-1

The Board discussed the requirement to have all Township employees to yearly sign off on the Sexual Harassment and Whistle Blower Policies.

The Board approved a Social Service Agreement with the University Park Lions Basketball for \$9,273.00. Motioned by Trustee Morgan and seconded by Trustee Young.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, and Dettbarn

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

The Board approved a Social Service Agreement with the MUD Dog Baseball for \$5,000.00. Motioned by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Morgan.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, and Dettbarn

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

The current University Park Baseball Organization has returned \$7,000.00 to the Township. The \$7,000 was returned because it was not used for the Organization as it existed before some internal organizational problems started. The current University Park Baseball Organization plans to submit a future request for the upcoming season.

The Board approved Line-Item Transfer, General Town Budget, General Town Fund Board Budget. \$ 500.00 from Contingencies (5195) to Building Improvement (5210). Motioned by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Morgan.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, Dettbarn

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

The Board approved Line-Item Transfer, General Town Fund, Assessor Budget. \$6,000 from Contingency (5195) to Computer Software (5130). Motioned by Trustee Boles and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, Dettbarn

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

The Board approved Line-Item Transfer, Road District Budget, General Town Fund Board Budget. \$ 1,000 .00 from Contingencies (5195) to Publishing Legal Notice (5120). Motioned by Trustee Boles and seconded by Trustee Burgess.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, Dettbarn

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

- **Youth Committee**
Doing well. Still have November 24th, December 1st, and December 8th dates to complete the Fall Session.
- **Building Renovation:** Phase 1, Highway Department Building Expansion
Advertisement for Bids published in Vedette and Southtown. Pre-Bid Walk

through Monday November 25. Final Bids due on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 10 am.

Section 11: Trustee Audit of Accounts/Clerk Certification Audit

The Board approved the payment of the bills as presented for the period of October 18, 2024, through November 21, 2024. Motioned by Trustee Morgan and seconded by Trustee Boles.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, Dettbarn

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

Section 12: Board Comments

None

Adjournment:

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motioned by Trustee Boles and seconded by Trustee Morgan.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, Dettbarn

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED,5-0

Respectfully submitted for Approval



Bobby R. Lathan Sr.
Monee Township Clerk