

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DUPAGE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, March 27th, 2018
MINUTES**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mayer.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all, led by Supervisor Mayer.
- III. **ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM:** Trustees Benford, Raga, Burgess, Oliver, and Supervisor Mayer were all present.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Trustee Burgess, and seconded by Trustee Benford to approve the Agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Trustees Raga, Burgess, Oliver, Benford, and Supervisor Mayer. There were no nay votes, and the motion passed.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
A motion was made by Trustee Raga, and seconded by Trustee Oliver to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Trustees Burgess, Oliver, Benford, Raga, and Supervisor Mayer. There were no nay votes, and the motion passed.
- VI. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**
 - a. **BKD LLP AUDIT PROPOSAL**
Supervisor Mayer reviewed the proposal from BKD LLP regarding the 2017-18 Township Audit. The proposal pricing is set in the amount of \$19,150, which reflects a reduction from last year's cost – due to a recent conversion to QuickBooks software, based on their recommendation and assistance. Trustee Benford noted that she would like to see the Board consider changing the Audit firm since the Township has used the same licensed Accountant, Mike Senko since 2008. Supervisor Mayer also agreed and directed that staff do an RFP for the FY 2018-19 Audit. A motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Raga to accept the 2017-18 Audit Proposal from BKD LLP, at a cost not to exceed \$19,150. Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Trustees Oliver, Burgess, Raga, and Supervisor Mayer. Trustee Benford abstained from the vote. There were no nay votes and the motion was approved.
 - b. **BOLINGBROOK PANTHERS FASTPITCH – DONATION \$250**
A motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Oliver to approve Sponsorship Donation of \$250 to the Bolingbrook Panther Sports Club Fastpitch Softball Organization. Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Trustees Benford, Raga, Burgess, Oliver, and Supervisor Mayer. There were no nay votes and the motion was approved.
 - c. **NEW POLICY ADDENDUM TO EMPLOYEE MANUAL**
 - 5.3 POLICY REFERENCE TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Supervisor Mayer requested that Item C. be revisited later in the meeting, following the Executive Session. Following the Executive Session, Supervisor Mayer reintroduced Item C.
 - d. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Supervisor Mayer requested that his comments in Items for Discussion section be withheld and made later in the meeting.

- VII. **CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk Stach advised that the electronic filing of the Statement of Economic Interest documents should be completed within the next few weeks, to avoid non-compliance. Also, the mandatory Sexual Harassment Training Class needs to be completed by each of the Elected Officials.
- VIII. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** No report.
- IX. **ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**
Assistant to the Supervisor Youngs shared with the Board that she had received an email from State Representative John Conner requesting to use the Levy Center on May 3rd, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., to host the next Bolingbrook Women's Legislative Advisory Council Meeting. Board discussion ensued regarding use of the facility, and the hours and staffing needs. Assistant to the Supervisor Youngs will reach out for additional information regarding use of the facility for the event.
- X. **YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:** No report.
- XI. **SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:** No report.
- XII. **BANQUET COORDINATOR REPORT:** No report.
- XIII. **GA/EA REPORT:** No report.
- XIV. **ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report.
- XV. **APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP BILLS - \$36,612.09**
APPROVAL OF OPEN PAYABLES - \$15,203.68
AND PAID PAYABLES (3/8/18 through 3/22/18) - \$21,408.41
A motion was made by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Oliver to approve the bills as presented for payment. Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Trustees Burgess, Oliver, Raga and Supervisor Mayer. Trustee Benford voted no. The motion carried by majority vote. Trustee Benford noted that she voted no, since the bills amount that was being approved contained a \$240 payment for The Bolingbrook Lions Club Event – this amount was questioned during last meeting.
- XVI. **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** None.
- XVII. **COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:** None.
- XVIII. **TRUSTEE'S REPORTS**
ALYSSIA BENFORD: No report.
KENNETH BURGESS: Trustee Burgess reminded everyone that the Annual Township Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday, starting at 11 a.m. sharp.
MARIPAT OLIVER: No report.
DENNIS RAGA: No report.
- XIX. **EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL:**
A motion was made to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 7:13 p.m. by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Benford. Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Trustees Oliver, Benford, Raga, Burgess, and Supervisor Mayer.
A motion was made to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:59 p.m. by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Raga. Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Trustees Burgess, Oliver, Benford, Raga, and Supervisor Mayer. There were no nay votes, and the motion carried.

A motion was then made by Trustee Oliver and seconded by Trustee Raga to terminate the employment of The Assistant to the Supervisor, Linda Youngs.

Supervisor Mayer questioned why Linda Youngs should be terminated and what is the reason for this action. Trustee Oliver noted that there was "no reason" given for the termination, since it is not necessary to give a reason in Illinois, since it is an "at-will" State. She also noted that the Township Board will be moving in a "different direction. Trustee Benford stated that she would like to possibly see a severance package offered to Linda Youngs. Trustee Raga stated as well that no reason was needed for the termination. Supervisor Mayer asked to go on record and declared that he feels this is the worst idea in the Township in years, and that he cannot believe that this termination action is being taken. Trustee Burgess echoed Supervisor Mayer's sentiments, stating that this is the worst decision the Board could make, since Ms. Youngs has no write-ups or disciplines to support this type of action. Following additional discussion, upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Trustees Oliver, Benford, and Raga. Trustee Burgess and Supervisor Mayer voted no. The motion carried.

ITEM C: Supervisor Mayer reintroduced Item C. – New Policy Addendum. After a reading of the content of the New Policy Addendum by Supervisor Mayer, there was a brief discussion. A motion was made by Trustee Oliver and seconded by Trustee Benford to table the New Policy Addendum to a new meeting date. Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Trustees Benford, Raga, Burgess, Oliver, and Supervisor Mayer. There were no nay votes and the motion was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

(Withheld by the Supervisor earlier in the meeting)

Supervisor Mayer requested again to go on record to state his disapproval of the Board action taken to terminate the Assistant to the Supervisor Linda Youngs. He noted that he is totally dumb-founded, amazed, and ashamed at this action taken by the Board. He also stated that it was a horrible decision, with her being involved with him in so many aspects of the operations of the Township. She answered his calls and direction, not only working with the Township Office, but the Food Pantry and Levy Center as well. He again asked each Board member individually to review their reasons for the action – and was told repeatedly by Trustees Benford, Oliver, and Raga that there was no reason needed, since Illinois is an at-will State. It was also again stated by Trustee Oliver that the Board has decided to move in a different direction. Trustee Raga then requested that the meeting be adjourned.

XX. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Raga and seconded by Trustee Oliver to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Stach
DuPage Township Clerk