

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

APPROVED MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – JANUARY 15, 2009

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Monee was conducted on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at the Monee Township Offices, 26121 S. Egyptian Trail, Monee Illinois.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Patricia Schoenbeck: Trustee Robert Loy: Trustee Jackie Stuenkel: Trustee John Weaver. Clerk Andrea Supler.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Administrative Assistant, Willa Simmons.

OTHER ELECTED/APPOINTED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Highway Commissioner Kenneth Murphy, Plan Commission Chair Scott Buck.

ATTORNEY: John Izzo

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Alex Supler, Sandra Heard.

PRESS: None

Supervisor Schoenbeck called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Clerk Supler Called the Role

The Assembly recited the pledge to The Flag

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that among the people who had been asked if they would be willing to serve out the unexpired term of former Trustee Katrina Deutsche, Scott Buck and Sandra Heard had said they would and as both were in attendance, asked the Board members if there were any questions they wished to ask either Mr. Buck or Ms. Heard and noted that the seat would be held only through the April meeting, as a new Board would be seated after the [April 7, 2009] election.

Trustee Loy stated that as Mr. Buck had run for the office and had already served the Township in the Plan Commission, that he believed Mr. Buck should be appointed.

It was noted that as the vacated seat had been held by a person elected on the Democratic ticket, only someone who had taken a Democratic ballot at the last election in which they voted could be appointed.

Clerk Supler stated that because he had run for office as an Independent, she would ask the County Clerk's office for a copy of Mr. Buck's primary voting record.

Supervisor Schoenbeck stated that the Board had until January 30th. to make the appointment and briefly explained the duties of the trustees.

Mr. Buck stated that he was now retired, so had the time available to serve and had spent nearly four years involved in Township government so believed he had a good understanding of what his duties would be and that he believed the Plan Commission would be able to carry on without him.

SECTION 1. – MINUTES

The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes as listed and noted the need for some corrections, but took no action.

- **Scheduled Meeting, December 18, 2008:** No Action
- **Public Hearing: Town Levy, December 18, 2009:** No Action
- **Public Hearing Road District Hearing, December 18, 2009:** No Action
- **Scheduled Meeting, November 20, 2008:** No Action
- **Scheduled Meeting, October 16, 2008:** No Action

SECTION 2. - PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SECTION 3. - SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Schoenbeck presented her General Assistance Report to the Board:

- **GENERAL ASSISTANCE:**
 - DECEMBER 15, 2008 – JANUARY 8, 2009: Intakes- 6: Applications- 4: Received Flat Grant- 0: Received Other Aid- 0: Pantry- 10: Denied- 12: Pending- 3: Terminated- 0: Total General/Emergency Assistance: \$1,459.21.

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that Fifty Nine (59) applications had been received for Thanksgiving Baskets, of which Two (2) had not been picked up, and that a total of Fifty *Seven* (57) families had received the baskets.

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that One Hundred Two (102) applications had been received for Christmas baskets, of which Three (3) had not been picked up and that a total of Ninety Nine (99) families had received baskets and of the children represented by those families, One Hundred Twenty Two (122) were ages up to Twelve (12) years; Fifty One (51) aged Thirteen (13) to Seventeen (17) and One Hundred Thirty (130) had been adults.

Supervisor Schoenbeck noted the persons who had volunteered to help and expressed gratitude for their time and efforts and noted that a complete list of the names of the volunteers and those who had donated gifts had been included in the Board packets.

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that the senior Committee was planning a Valentine party for seniors, to be held at the Town Hall on February 12, 2009 and that although the Board had already approved an expenditure of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the party, depending on the number of people who attended, it might be necessary to increase it, or there might be enough, but that it wouldn't be known for sure until after the party.

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that in addition to the cardiologist the senior Committee had arranged to have attend to give a speech on heart disease as reported previously; the Committee had also arranged for blood pressure screening.

SECTION 5. - CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Clerk Supler reported that she had been contacted by John Mendelson of Governor's State University regarding old Township records and in conversation with him, had learned that the University library would make clean hard copies of the old books, unlike the State Archives that would return the records only in microfiche form and without a microfiche reader, it would be near impossible for anyone to be able to read them and that she knew that Highway Commissioner Murphy often referenced the old records regarding Township roads and boundaries.
2. Clerk Supler explained that her concern was that some of the records books were over One Hundred and Fifty (150) years old, should not be handled and needed to be conserved and if the University archives could give them safe archival storage and at the same time, provide clear copies of their contents, the information in them would be available with no fear of doing any further damage to the fragile originals.
3. Clerk Supler explained that the oldest records were not really officially public records anymore, but were original source history of the Township that needed to be preserved in a climate controlled environment that only an archive such as maintained by the University could provide.
4. Supervisor Schoenbeck agreed that microfiche was obsolete, and that the subject would be on the agenda for the February meeting.

SECTION 6. - HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Highway Commissioner Murphy reported that he would need to order more road salt, as the unusually heavy snows of the past months had pretty much used up his supplies and why he needed to transfer some funds to Road Supplies to cover the cost, but that he was not alone in his efforts to keep up with the weather and that other townships and the County were reporting the same shortages.

SECTION 7. - ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None

SECTION 8. - ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

SECTION 9. - COMMITTEE/PROJECT REPORTS:

- **Plan Commission:**

Mr. Buck reported that he had heard from the applicant who had applied for a zoning change on Western Ave., for a self service car wash and self service storage facility and that because of objections from neighbors, has amended his application, dropping the car wash and leaving only the storage.

Mr. Buck reported that as the Board had already decided to leave the decision to the County, he had not believed another Township Plan Commission hearing was necessary.

- **Website Update:**

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that Joe Mills had indicated that he would take care of the website, but that she still didn't have any definite information to report.

SECTION 10. - OLD BUSINESS:

- **Computer Software and Programming:**

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that the programmer had quoted Eighty Dollar (\$80.00) per hour to do the work and had estimated that he could complete it in four (4) hours and could do it within the next two weeks.

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that the programmer would purchase the software and take care of the licensing as well and that the total cost should not exceed the Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) already approved for the project.

- **Purchase Desks/ Installation of Computers:** No Action on desks

Supervisor Schoenbeck stated that she was holding off on the desks until the computers were installed, as she couldn't be sure of exactly what would be needed for them and didn't want to buy furniture that might not be right for how the computers were set up.

- **Sign for Township Building on Egyptian Trail:** No Action

There was discussion of where a sign for the Township building would be placed, as the Village of Monee had restrictions on signs, and Highway Commissioner Murphy agreed to contact the Village regarding restrictions and or lights. It was agreed that some sort of lighted sign was necessary, so people could easily find the building at night.

SECTION 11. - NEW BUSINESS:

- **Line Item Transfers:**

Road District:

Trustee Weaver moved; Trustee Stuenkel seconded a motion to approve a line item transfer in the Road District budget, in the amount of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) from line item # 5205, Equipment Maintenance, to line item # 5505, Road Supplies, in the same fund.

On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Appoint Trustee to fill vacant seat:**

After it was determined that the Trustees could not yet agree on an appointment, Supervisor Schoenbeck asked Clerk Supler to call a special Board meeting for 2 p.m., on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 for the purpose of making the appointment, as Monday would be a holiday.

SECTION 12. - TRUSTEE AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS:

Trustee Loy moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

SECTION 13. - BOARD COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Loy seconded a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes and the Board entered Executive session at 7:09 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Meeting at 7:36 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Stuenkel, seconded by Trustee Loy.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Review/Approve Executive Session minutes:** No action

There being no further business to put before the Board, Trustee Weaver moved; Trustee Loy seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Approval,



Andrea D. Supler,
Monee Township Clerk

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

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – JANUARY 20, 2009

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Monee was conducted on Tuesday 20, 2009, at the Monee Township Offices, 26121 S. Egyptian Trail, Monee Illinois.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Patricia Schoenbeck: Trustee Robert Loy: Trustee Jackie Stuenkel: Trustee John Weaver. Clerk Andrea Supler.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Administrative Assistant, Willa Simmons.

OTHER ELECTED/APPOINTED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Alex Supler

PRESS: None

Supervisor Schoenbeck called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Clerk Supler Called the Role

The Assembly recited the pledge to The Flag

Supervisor Schoenbeck asked the Trustees if they had each come to a decision regarding a person to fill the vacant Trustee seat and all agreed that they had done so.

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that any person appointed would have to be verified by the County Clerk's records as having taken a Democratic ballot at the last primary election at which they had voted.

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Loy seconded a motion to appoint Sandra Heard to fill the vacant seat.

On a role call vote, the vote was tied 2 – 2: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, No: Trustee Weaver, No: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

Supervisor Schoenbeck stated that it would be necessary for Clerk Supler to vote to break the tie and Clerk Supler voted No to the motion.

With the additional No vote; the motion failed to pass 3 - 2.

Trustee Loy moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to appoint Scott Buck to fill the vacant seat.

On a role call vote, the vote was tied 2 - 2: Trustee Stuenkel, No: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, No.

Supervisor Schoenbeck stated that it would be necessary for Clerk Supler to vote to break the tie and Clerk Supler voted Yes to the motion.

With the additional Yes vote; the motion passed 3 – 2.

Supervisor Schoenbeck stated that as the Board had agreed to pay the bills for the cleaning service for the Assessor's office, she needed the Board's approval in order for her to sign the check, but that she was seeking approval only for payment of the bill and not the contract for the service.

Trustee Loy moved; Trustee Stuenkel seconded a motion to approve payment of the outstanding bills for the cleaning service, but not the contract.

On a roll call vote; motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

There being no further business to put before the Board, Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Approval,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea D. Supler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea D. Supler,
Monee Township Clerk

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

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – JANUARY 26, 2009

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Monee was conducted on Monday, January 26, 2009, at the Monee Township Offices, 26121 S. Egyptian Trail, Monee Illinois.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Patricia Schoenbeck: Trustee Robert Loy: Trustee Jackie Stuenkel: Trustee John Weaver. Clerk Andrea Supler.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Administrative Assistant, Willa Simmons.

OTHER ELECTED/APPOINTED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: None

PRESS: None

Supervisor Schoenbeck called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Clerk Supler Called the Role

The Assembly recited the pledge to The Flag

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that Scott Buck, whom the Board had appointed to fill the vacant Board seat the previous week, had learned that the Will County Clerk's office had reported him as having taken a Republican ballot at the last primary election in which he had voted, which Mr. Buck insisted was a mistake, as he had never taken any but a Democratic ballot at any Primary election at which he had ever voted but could not change the County Clerk's records and thereby withdrew himself from acceptance of the seat.

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Loy seconded a motion to appoint Sandra Heard to fill the vacant seat.

On a role call vote, the motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

There being no further business to put before the Board, Trustee Loy moved; Trustee Stuenkel seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Approval,



Andrea D. Supler,
Monee Township Clerk

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

APPROVED MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – FEBRUARY 19, 2009

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Monee was conducted on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at the Monee Township Offices, 26121 S. Egyptian Trail, Monee Illinois.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Patricia Schoenbeck: Trustee Robert Loy: Trustee Jackie Stuenkel: Trustee John Weaver: Trustee Sandra Heard. Clerk Andrea Supler.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Administrative Assistant, Willa Simmons.

OTHER ELECTED/APPOINTED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Highway Commissioner Kenneth Murphy.

ATTORNEY: John Izzo

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Alex Supler, Katrina Deutsche, Crystal Allen, Rhonda Woolf, Mary Truss.

PRESS: None

Prior to commencement of the meeting, newly appointed Trustee Sandra Heard was Sworn to Office by Clerk Supler.

Supervisor Schoenbeck called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Clerk Supler Called the Role.

The Assembly recited the pledge to The Flag

SECTION 1. – MINUTES: Discussion and action at the end of the meeting.

- **Special Meeting, January 26, 2009:**
- **Special Meeting, January 20, 2009:**
- **Scheduled meeting, January 15, 2009:**
- **Scheduled Meeting, December 18, 2008:**
- **Public Hearing: Town Levy, December 18, 2009:**
- **Public Hearing Road District Hearing, December 18, 2009:**
- **Scheduled Meeting, November 20, 2008:**

- **Scheduled Meeting, October 16, 2008:**

SECTION 2. - PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Will County Board member Katrina Deutsche asked the Board members if they had all received information regarding the County health care program for assistance in payment for prescription medications and reported that she would attend as many County Board District 1 village and township board meetings as she could.

There was discussion of the program, sponsored by the National Association of Counties that allows any resident of Will County to obtain a card issued by the County, good for discounts on prescription medications at numerous pharmacies.

SECTION 3. - SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Schoenbeck presented her General Assistance Report to the Board:

- **GENERAL ASSISTANCE:**

- JANUARY 9, 2009 – FEBRUARY 12, 2009: Intakes- 17: Applications- 7: Received Flat Grant- 0: Received Other Aid- 0: Pantry- 16: Denied- 2: Pending- 5: Terminated- 0: Total General/Emergency Assistance: \$846.00.

Supervisor Schoenbeck gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the General Assistance Report for the benefit of new Board member, Trustee Heard.

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that the Senior Valentine Day party had been well attended and that the seniors had stated that they had enjoyed the nice lunch and the health services, which had included both a talk on heart disease, and blood pressure screening.

Supervisor Schoenbeck noted that the Village of Park Forest had just celebrated its Sixtieth (60th) Anniversary and it was agreed that she would send a letter of congratulations to the Village on behalf of the Township.

SECTION 5. - CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Supler repeated her report regarding her desire to see the oldest Township records safely in storage at the Governor's State University Library and would ask Jon Mendelson, who had contacted her regarding them, if he could attend the next meeting to explain the process.

SECTION 6. - HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Highway Commissioner Murphy reported that the State would be doing about Six Hundred and Fifty (650) miles of asphalt overlay in the County but had learned that not much if any of the expected federal funding for infrastructure would be coming to townships.

In response to Trustee Heard's question regarding it, Mr. Murphy explained the purpose of the special Bridge Fund portion of his budget and why it was necessary to replace the bridge spanning Offner Road, as it narrowed from a twenty (20) foot wide road to a twelve (12) foot wide bridge, which presented a hazard to drivers, but would cost approximately Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) to replace, so he had established the special fund in order for the Road District to be eligible to receive matching bridge construction funding from the State.

SECTION 7. - ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None

Supervisor Schoenbeck noted that Assessor Barfoot had sent her proposed 2009-2010 budget to all Board members and had written that she would be in attendance at the meeting.

SECTION 8. - ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

Mr. Izzo stated that he would hold his report for Executive Session.

SECTION 9. - COMMITTEE/PROJECT REPORTS:

- **Plan Commission:** None
- **Website Update:** None

SECTION 10. - OLD BUSINESS:

- **Computer Software and Programming:**

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that the programmer had completed his work and the [*donated*] computers were all up and running.

- **Purchase Desks/Installation of Computers:**

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that she had found what she believed would be a good choice for computer desks and chairs and asked the Board to approve an expenditure of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for their purchase.

Trustee Loy moved; Trustee Stuenkel seconded a motion to approve an expenditure of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purchase of Four each (4) computer desks and chairs.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Sign for Township Building on Egyptian Trail:** No Action

1. There was further discussion of where a sign for the Township building could be placed and how large it could be, to be seen from Governors Highway, as the Village of Monee had restrictions on signs.

2. Trustee Loy noted that there had been a sign on the front of the old building and there was discussion of what restrictions the Village of Monee placed on lighted signs, and if a sign large and brightly lighted enough to be seen from Governors Highway would be allowed under the Village zoning ordinance.
3. There was discussion of the difficulty to see the angled cutoff onto Egyptian Trail [*and the Township building*] in the dark, particularly southbound on Governors Highway, and it was noted that the issue had been one expressed in the past but thus far, had been impossible to address due to the lack either a street light or an electrical connection for a light over the existing sign at that corner.
4. Trustee Loy suggested that the existing sign would be easier to see if it were repainted and perhaps had reflectors added to it, or had a solar powered light above it.

SECTION 11. - NEW BUSINESS:

- **Purchase Coat Rack:**

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that the lack of a proper coat rack had presented some problems when many seniors had been in attendance on a cold day and there had really been no place for everyone to hang their coats and hats and asked the Board to approve the purchase of a large, heavy duty coat rack and noted that while the type that would be most suited for the purpose was expensive, it would be also be very sturdy and on wheels, to be easily moved.

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to approve an expenditure of up to Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) for the purchase of a coat rack.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Senior Services of Will County:** No Action

There was a discussion of a request for a donation received from Senior Services of Will County and after discussion, as it could not be determined how many Monee Township seniors the organization served, it was agreed that the question could be not be answered until Administrative Assistant Simmons checked with Senior Services of Will County, to learn what if any contributions the County senior service organization made to the local one.

- **Will County Health Department Prescription Drug Discount Card:** Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- **Line Item Transfers:**

Assessor's Budget:

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Loy seconded a motion to approve a line item transfer in the Assessor's portion of the General Town Budget in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) from line item # 5205, IMRF, to line item # 5160, Custodial, in the same fund.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

General Assistance Fund:

Trustee Loy moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to approve a line item transfer in the General Assistance Fund, from line item # 5055, Travel, to line item # 5000, Payroll, in the same fund.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Crete-Monee High School Post Prom:**

1. There was discussion of the legal authority of the Township Board to donate money to support a post prom activity.
2. The activity was described as an adult supervised gathering of graduates who had attended their prom, to provide the teens with a place to continue to celebrate in a safe and sober manner.
3. Mr. Izzo advised that as statute listed recreational activities as a service a township may provide, that the Board could expend the funds.
4. Trustee Loy moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to donate one Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the Crete-Monee Post Prom.
5. On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

SECTION 12. - TRUSTEE AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS:

Trustee Weaver moved; Trustee Heard seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

SECTION 13. - BOARD COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Weaver moved; Trustee Stuenkel seconded a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Pending litigation.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes and the Board entered Executive session at 7:51 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Meeting at 8:08 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Loy, seconded by Trustee Weaver.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Review/Approve Executive Session minutes:** No discussion or action of Executive Session minutes

1. The Board reviewed the minutes of the special meetings of January 26, 2009 and January 20, 2009, the scheduled meetings of January 15, 2009 and December 18, 2008, the public hearings for the General Town and Road District hearings of December 18, 2008, the scheduled meeting of November 20, 2008 and the scheduled meeting of October 16, 2008.
2. Some typographical errors were noted for correction in the minutes of the special meeting of January 20, 2009 and the scheduled meeting of January 15, 2009.
3. Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion as stated by Mr. Izzo.
4. On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.
5. Supervisor Schoenbeck moved; Trustee Loy seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 26, 2009, the scheduled meeting of December 18, 2008, the public hearing for the General Town Levy of December 18, 2008 and the public hearing for the Road District Levy of December 18, 2008.
6. On a role call vote, motion carried 4 Yes, 1 Abstention: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Loy, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes: Trustee Heard, Abstain.

There being no further business to put before the Board, Trustee Weaver moved; Trustee Loy seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Approval,



Andrea D. Supler,
Monee Township Clerk

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

APPROVED MINUTES OF SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MARCH 19, 2009

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Monee was conducted on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at the Monee Township Hall, 26121 S. Egyptian Trail, Monee Illinois.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Patricia Schoenbeck: Trustee Jackie Stuenkel: Trustee John Weaver: Trustee Sandra Heard. Clerk Andrea Supler. **ABSENT:** Trustee Robert Loy.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Administrative Assistant, Willa Simmons.

OTHER ELECTED/APPOINTED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Highway Commissioner Kenneth Murphy.

ATTORNEY: John Izzo

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Alex Supler

PRESS: None

Supervisor Schoenbeck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk Supler Called the Role.

The Assembly recited the pledge to The Flag

SECTION 1. – MINUTES:

- **Scheduled Meeting, February 19, 2009:**

Some typographical errors were noted for correction.

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to change the minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting as discussed.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Special Meeting, January 20, 2009:**

A typographical error was noted for correction.

Supervisor Schoenbeck moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 special meeting as presented, with the error corrected.

On a role call vote, motion carried 3 Yes, 1 Abstention: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Abstain: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Scheduled Meeting, January 15, 2009:** No Action

Supervisor Schoenbeck stated that the Board had taken action in discussing the minutes.

Clerk Supler stated that no vote had been taken and the minutes reflected that fact, but would insert that the Board had discussed the minutes.

- **Scheduled Meeting, November 20, 2008:**

A typographical error was noted for correction.

Trustee Weaver moved; Supervisor Schoenbeck seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the scheduled meeting of November 20, 2008 as presented with the error corrected.

On a role call vote, motion carried 3 Yes, 1 Abstention: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Abstain: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Scheduled Meeting, October 16, 2008:**

Supervisor Schoenbeck stated that she believed that the summary of the discussion regarding the Assessor's Report that reported Assessor Barfoot being present was redundant, as Ms. Barfoot's presence at the meeting had been noted on the first page.

Clerk Supler stated that she had not written that section and that Mr. Izzo had done so.

It was agreed that the words in that section: "who was also present" would be deleted.

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the scheduled meeting of October 16, 2008 as presented, with the deletion of the words as discussed.

On a role call vote, motion carried 3 Yes, 1 Abstention: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Abstain: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

SECTION 2. - PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SECTION 3. - SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Schoenbeck presented her General Assistance Report to the Board:

- **GENERAL ASSISTANCE:**

- FEBRUARY 13, 2009 – MARCH 12, 2009: Intakes- 8: Applications- 5: Received Flat Grant- 0: Received Other Aid- 0: Pantry- 4: Denied- 2: Pending- 5: Terminated- 0: Total General/Emergency Assistance: \$750.00.

1. Supervisor Schoenbeck asked the Board members to try to seek donations to the food pantry.
2. In reply to Trustee Heard's question regarding it, Supervisor Schoenbeck explained the meaning of the amounts she had reported in her General Assistance Report.

3. Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that the senior Committee had scheduled a Senior's Luncheon on April 14, 2009 that would feature a representative from 1st Midwest Bank, to discuss financial matters of most concern to retirees.
4. Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that a Senior's Fair would be conducted in either May or June, at Eastern Will County Senior Services.
5. Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that there would be a Capitol Hearing on March 23, in Morris IL with State Representatives Careen Gordon and Frank Mautino in open discussion regarding the need for the State to pass capital transportation construction legislation to repair roads and bridges and that all local elected officials had been invited to attend.
6. There was some discussion of the federal funding that was expected to come to the State and how none seemed to have been allocated to smaller local governments.
7. Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that she had been approached by a local minister regarding the National Day of Prayer scheduled for May 7, 2009, from 11 a.m. to Noon only, who had asked; if he provided all of the materials; could he use township building for that event.
8. Supervisor Schoenbeck stated that as Congress had declared the date, it was the one time at which the State and Religion were not separated.
9. There was discussion of the propriety of using a public building for religious purposes and Mr. Izzo advised that if permission were granted, the township building was also being opened for use by other groups as a community building.
10. Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that the event was completely non-denominational and that everyone of any religious faith was welcome.
11. Trustee Weaver moved; Trustee Stuenkel seconded a motion to approve allowing the township building to be used as described.
12. On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.
13. Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that six (6) Certificates of Deposit were about to mature and asked the Board for their input on whether or not they should be renewed, as the Ninety (90) day rate was so low, at Zero point Seven Percent. (0.7%)
14. There was discussion of the need for the funds within the next Ninety (90) days and it was agreed that Supervisor Schoenbeck should allow four of the CD's, in the amounts of Twenty Four Thousand, Two Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$24,214.70) Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred Forty One Dollars and Eighty Four Cents (\$15,141.84), Nine Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Dollars and Fifty Six Cents (\$9,190.56) and Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy Dollars and Eighty Nine Cents (\$7,570.89), to renew at the reported interest rate.

15. In further discussion, it was agreed that as the interest being earned in the savings account was also very low, at only One Half percent, the difference was too small to be considered and would leave the funds liquid, and that the remaining two CD's, in the amounts of Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred Dollars and Fifty Six Cents (\$15,156.41 and Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety One Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$7,491.13) would be, and would be transferred to the savings account.

SECTION 5. - CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Supler reported that John Mendelson of Governor's State University had planned to be in attendance to discuss the safe storage of old township records, but had sent his regrets that he could not attend.

SECTION 6. - HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Highway Commissioner Murphy reported that he believed the Township would finally be able to receive the matching funds necessary to replace the narrow bridge on Offner Road.

SECTION 7. - ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None

SECTION 8. - ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

SECTION 9. - COMMITTEE/PROJECT REPORTS:

- **Plan Commission:** None
- **Website Update:**

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that she would meet with webmaster Jeff Reiter on the coming Monday to get details on what services he offered and the cost for them.

SECTION 10. - OLD BUSINESS:

- **Computer Software and Programming:**

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that the programmer had completed his work and the donated computers were all up and running.

- **Sign for Township Building on Egyptian Trail:** No Action

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that she had contacted a sign maker, who would consult with the Village of Monee regarding the size and placement of a sign for the building and had also spoken with Village officials regarding a street light at the corner of Governor's Highway and Egyptian Trail but would have to wait to see if the Village would follow through, as the location was in the Village and should be a part of the Village street lighting program.

SECTION 11. - NEW BUSINESS:

- **Purchase Coat Rack:**

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that she was still looking for a coat rack, as she knew what was needed, but was discouraged by the high prices.

Clerk Supler noted that she had read an article in the newspaper describing a very large used office furniture dealer that couldn't keep up with the volume of equipment being brought to it and that a good used coat rack might be a viable alternative.

- **Senior Services of Will County:**

- **Will County Crisis Center:**

In discussion of a request for funding from both Senior Services of Will County and the Will County Crisis Center, it was determined that the Board could not contribute to either, as both organizations served the entire County and Township funds could not be expended on services to any person not a resident of the Township.

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Heard seconded a motion to have Supervisor Schoenbeck send a letter of denial to both organizations.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

- **Line Item Transfers:**

Assessor's Budget:

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Loy seconded a motion to approve a line item transfer in the Assessor's portion of the General Town Budget in the amount of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) from line item # 5120, Publishing & Legal Notices, to line item # 5115, Postage and Courier, in the same fund.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

Supervisor Schoenbeck noted that the Board had received the proposed new budget she had prepared, but that the ending figures would not be known until the end of the month, but that the public hearing for both the General Town and Road District budgets had been legally noticed for 6:15 on the date of the next scheduled Board meeting, on April 16th.

Supervisor Schoenbeck reported that she had taken it upon herself to reduce the amount budgeted for both the Assessor and the Board, based upon what was actually needed.

SECTION 12. - TRUSTEE AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS:

Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented.

On a role call vote, motion carried unanimously: Trustee Stuenkel, Yes: Trustee Weaver, Yes: Trustee Heard, Yes: Supervisor Schoenbeck, Yes.

SECTION 13. - BOARD COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

- **Review/Approve Executive Session minutes:** No discussion or action

There being no further business to put before the Board, Trustee Stuenkel moved; Trustee Weaver seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Approval,



Andrea D. Supler,
Monee Township Clerk