

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

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES-February 20, 2025

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Monee was conducted on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at Monee Township Hall, 26121 S. Egyptian Trail, Monee, Illinois.

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 Member 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, Terrell Henderson, Malachi Cliff, Amiyah Rice, Keith Lynelt, Ralph Mallory III, Sherry Newquist, Hala Ghaben, and Bridgette Simmons

Press: None

Supervisor Dettbarn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The assembly recited the pledge to the Flag prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

Section 1: Minutes

Minutes for the Scheduled Meeting of January 16, 2025, were approved as written. Motioned by Trustee Boles and seconded by Trustee Young.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Young, Boles, Morgan, and Dettbarn

Nays: None

Abstained: Burgess

MOTION CARRIED, 4-0-1

Section 2: Public Comments:

Donzell Franklin introduced a Civic Engagement Group, Students from Crete-Monee School District. Several of the students (Cliff, Mallory, Rice, Henderson, and Ghalen)

commented on issues important to them related to government of a Board. The Supervisor, each Trustee and County Board Representative Sherry Newquist spoke words of encouragement for their involvement. Recommending that they continue to be involved.

Section 3: Supervisor's Report:

- General Assistance
 - Report for January 10, 2025, through February 13, 2025
 - Intakes-10: Applications-5 Received Flat Grant-0: Received Other Aid-0: Pantry-43: Denied-4: Pending-3 -Terminated-0
 - Total Number on General Assistance-0
 - Total Amount for General Assistance (GA)- \$ 0
 - Total Amount for Emergency Assistance (EA) \$ 1,000.00
 - Total Amount for GA and EA- \$ 1,000.00
- TOI 43RD Annual Township Lobby Day is Tuesday, April 29, 2025. The Board is planning to attend as a group.
- Senior Drive Through Lunch is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2025.
- Township had to replace the Furnace at a cost Of \$5,800.00 on an emergency basis.

Section 4: Clerk's Report

- Statement of Economic Interest filing notices from County Clerk Office will be emailed soon.
- Consolidated Election April 1, 2025.

Section 5: Highway Commissioner's Report:

- None

Section 6: Assessor's Report.

- None

Section 7: Attorney's Report

- Tax Objection Cases scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025.
- Will Check with the Attorney, which specialize in 501C-3, to determine if the work can be done at "flat fee". Need to get on attorney's schedule.

Section 8: Standing Committee/Commission Report

Township Plan Commission Report:

None

Section 9: New Business

The Board approved to set the 2025 Budget Hearing for Thursday, April 17, 2025, 7:00 PM. to 7:15 PM. Motioned by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Boles.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

The Board approved Social Service Agreement with University Park Scholarship Fund for \$2,000.00. 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 approved Social Service Agreement with Monee Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund for \$2,000.00. Motioned by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Young.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

The Board approved Social Service Agreement with Monee Elevate Hope for \$1,850.00. Motioned by Trustee Burgess and seconded by Trustee Boles

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

The Board approved \$1,200.00 for a Shredding Event on Saturday, June 7, 2025. Motioned by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Boles

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, and Dettbarn
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

The Board approved \$2,428.58 to Upgrade Township Alarm System and \$1,079.00 for the Service Contract. Motioned by Trustee Morgan and seconded by Trustee Young

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, and Dettbarn
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

Newsletter Deadline is Thursday, March 20, 2025

TOIRMA Dividend- No dividends received as of this meeting.

Budget Workshop-A draft Budget was reviewed and discussed.

Building Renovation-Set to start March 15, 2025.

Section 10: Old Business

Youth Committee: Session started in February, going well.

Kenco Company plaque will be given out on Thursday, February 27, 2025, when they come to help with the senior drive-up luncheon. Officials are invited.

Section 11: Trustee Audit of Accounts/Clerk Certification Audit

The Board approved the payment of the bills as presented for the period of **January 17, 2025**, through February 20, 2025. Motioned by Trustee Boles and seconded by Trustee Morgan.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Boles, Young, Morgan, Dettbarn
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED, 5-0

Section 12: Board Comments

The Board discussed truck traffic through the Village of Monee. Trustee Morgan had some discussions with both Monee Village Administrator and Highway Commissioner Deutsche relating to this issue.

Adjournment:

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Motioned by Trustee Morgan and seconded by Trustee Boles.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burgess, Young, Boles, Morgan, Dettbarn

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED,5-0

Respectfully submitted for Approval

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bobby R. Lathan Sr.", written in dark ink.

Bobby R. Lathan Sr.
Monee Township Clerk