

MINUTES OF THE YORK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 9, 2025

Held in the auditorium of the York Township Offices, 1502 South Meyers Road, Lombard, Illinois.

Supervisor John W. Valle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Tim Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Anthony A. Cuzzone called the roll:	Supervisor Valle	Present
	Trustee Rupp Srch	Present
	Trustee Pacilli	Present
	Trustee Whipple	Absent
	Trustee Mussatto	Present via Cellular

Also present: Township Attorney Ken Florey, Deputy Supervisor Nadia Hajduk, Senior Advisory Committee Chairman Michael Marianni, Senior Advisory Committee Board Member Nancy Raimondi, the Trustees of Oakbrook Terrace and York Center Fire Protection District.

Trustee Rupp Srch motioned to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Pacilli. On roll call, Trustees Rupp Srch, Pacilli, Mussatto, and Supervisor Valle voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Public Comment: Joe Amore reported he wants to go on record because he emailed the 4 Trustees, Supervisor, and Clerk of his concerns, unfortunately the 4 emails for the Trustees bounced back as undeliverable; Mr. Amore read the email he had sent which included but was not limited to many concerns stating that a woman employee identified as Nadia created an unsafe condition at the 2025 Annual Town Meeting after the close of business where the auditorium lights were first dimmed as people were filing out, then shut the lights completely off; those still in the room loudly complained, the lights went back on, but were again dimmed and turned off, but turned back on again until those in attendance exited the room; the room was full, included seniors and some with mobility devices; he feels the Township has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for residents, and requested that an immediate investigation be conducted, including disciplinary action, of this matter and that he be kept updated of the investigation. Al Rago spoke regarding Agenda Item #7 Hire full-time Director of Food Pantry/708 Mental Health Board Administrator and would like the Board to reconsider this action, he feels it is not a good idea for the current Board to hire a new employee because the current Board will be leaving office and it could be unfair to the employee. Donald Ventura stated he submitted his letter for re-appointment to the Fire District as Trustee, he has been on the Board for over 20 years doing a good job; he thanked the Township Trustees and Supervisor John Valle for their leadership as the Oakbrook Terrace and York Center Fire Districts have flourished all these years and have done a great job, and everyone in York Township should be proud. Wanda Ackermann spoke about the long line for registration at the Annual Town Meeting the night before, but

was happy to see everyone here; after she had checked in, Wanda stated she put the pen down after signing in, the lady that was checking her in immediately took the pen and slammed it down by her; she also talked about the lights flickering at the end of the Annual Town Meeting, the lights went off, it was pitch black in the room, then the lights went back on, everyone started walking out again the lights go off, pitch black, she stated she tripped over a chair, felt this was totally uncalled for. Rex Irby expressed his appreciation to the Trustees, Mr. Cuzzone, and everyone for the longstanding great service especially for the City of Elmhurst.

Trustee Pacilli moved that the bills in the amount of \$762,091.16 having been duly audited, be approved for payment and charged to the proper accounts, seconded by Trustee Rupp Srch. On roll call, Trustees Rupp Srch, Pacilli, Mussatto, and Supervisor Valle voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Supervisor Valle presented the application of employment Kelly Simms for full-time 708 Mental Health Board Administrator/Client Services Assistant at \$60,000.00/yr with Benefits for approval, and he reported a good resume and work history of this applicant. The Supervisor stated this position is much broader than just the Food Pantry.

Trustee Rae Rupp made a motion to approve the application for employment of Kelly Simms as full-time 708 Mental Health Board Administrator/Client Services Assistant at \$60,000.00/yr with Benefits, seconded by Trustee Mussatto. On roll call, Trustees Rupp Srch, Mussatto, and Supervisor Valle voted "Aye". Trustee Pacilli abstained. Motion passed.

Supervisor Valle presented the names for consideration of 3 Trustee re-appointments to Fire Protection Districts. The Supervisor recommended for Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District – Donald Ventura for the term effective 4/9/25 to 4/9/28, and for York Center Fire Protection District – Ric Hildreth for the term effective 4/9/25 to 4/9/28, Alphonse Sarno Jr for the term effective 4/9/25 to 4/9/28, and James Williams for the term effective 4/9/25 to 4/9/28.

Trustee Rupp Srch made a motion to approve the re-appointments of Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District – Donald Ventura for the term effective 4/9/25 to 4/9/28, and for York Center Fire Protection District – Ric Hildreth for the term effective 4/9/25 to 4/10/28, Alphonse Sarno Jr for the term effective 4/9/25 to 4/9/28, and James Williams for the term effective 4/9/25 to 4/9/28, seconded by Trustee Mussatto. On roll call, Trustees Rupp Srch, Pacilli, Mussatto, and Supervisor Valle voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Supervisor Valle presented a Request for Donations by The Youth Advisory Board for \$100 donation to the Boy Scout Troop #140 for the Annual Pancake Breakfast. The Supervisor stated tickets are given after the donation is received, however, the Township checked off the box on their form to put the tickets towards parishioners, or people in need; therefore, they will get a pancake breakfast for free.

Trustee Mussatto made a motion to donate \$100 to the Boy Scout Troop #140 for the Annual Pancake Breakfast, seconded by Trustee Rupp Srch. On roll call, Trustees Rupp Srch, Pacilli, Mussatto, and Supervisor Valle voted "Aye." Motion passed.

There was no Closed Session. Supervisor Valle stated there has not been a Closed Session for the past 19 years.

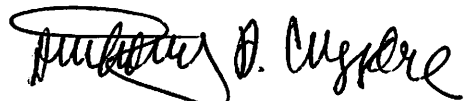
There was no New Business.

Under Old Business Supervisor Valle informed everyone in their packets is information regarding a dividend received from TOIRMA (the Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association) in the amount of \$16,136.00 for being good stewards; York High School National Honor Society donated handmade blankets to York Township residents in need and they were passed out to the Seniors and to the Food Panty; Bob Thilges celebrated his 92nd birthday with cake at the Township Senior Nutrition Center as did Oakbrook Terrace resident Carl Kagebein as he celebrated his 90th birthday.

Town Clerk Cuzzone stated over the years of Historical Tid-Bits everyone has learned how the height of horses were measured by using their hands, who the Pound Master was and his responsibilities, how animals were retrieved when they got loose running down roads or in fields and right of ways, how Christmas and Thanksgiving was celebrated by the settlers, storm sewer work in Lombard which included plans for a bomb shelter, and many other significant events and meetings. To close things out in the series of historical tid-bits Clerk Cuzzone shared an historical tid-bit of the Elmhurst Chicago Stone Quarry. The Elmhurst Chicago Stone Company, founded in 1883, began with an 11-acre quarry near Elmhurst and was established by Adolph Hammerschmidt and Henry Assman to quarry dolomite limestone. He reported as time went on the company installed crushers and screens to increase production noting stone from the Elmhurst quarry has been used in the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad roadbeds, state highways, and public buildings in and around DuPage County. The company eventually began producing ready-mix concrete. In 1992 the Elmhurst quarry was sold to DuPage County and turned it into a storm water management facility, with the ability to carry 2.7 billion gallons of floodwater at a depth of 200 feet which has saved hundreds of homes in Elmhurst from flood damage.

There being no further business, Trustee Rupp Srch moved to adjourn the meeting to the Regular Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 commencing at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Trustee Pacilli. On roll call, Trustees Rupp Srch, Pacilli, Mussatto, and Supervisor Valle voted "Aye". Motion passed, whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony A. Cuzzone
Town Clerk