

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES**

February 14, 2022

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Roger Simonson, and Dan Rubin were present. Trustee Susan Levy was absent. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance. The meeting was held at 1706 Garand Ave. in Deerfield.

2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Trustee Rubin moved that the current officers remain in their respective offices for the coming year. Barbara Struthers, President, Roger Simonson, Secretary and Susan Levy, Treasurer. Trustee Bilotti seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No other members of the public were present nor had any questions or comments been received.

4. **MINUTES**

The trustees reviewed the minutes of the November 8, 2021 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Simonson, seconded by Trustee Bilotti to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's reports for November and December 2021 and January 2022 were reviewed by Trustee Rubin. Trustee Rubin reported that the District's fund balance as of the end of January was \$900,202. Trustee Bilotti moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Trustee Rubin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Trustee Rubin wanted the minutes to reflect that all the trustees in attendance want to extend their thanks to Trustee Levy for her work in keeping the District's accounts in order.

6. **BILLS**

President Struthers reviewed the following bills with the Trustees:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,617.88 (\$1,591.00 –Legal Services and \$26.88 reimbursement for payment to Chicago Tribune Media Services)

2. Smith Accounting Services - \$250.00 – Accounting Services for November and December 2021 and January 2022.

3. Liberty Computer Centre - \$780.00 – Monthly website maintenance for November 2021 through February 2022 and renewal of social media accounts.

Trustee Simonson provided an explanation of Liberty’s billing to the trustees.

Trustee Simonson moved that the bills be paid as presented. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. Roll Call. Ayes: Rubin, Bilotti, Struthers, and Simonson. Nays: None. Absent: Levy. Motion passed.

7. **REPORTS**

Mr. Balis told the trustees that the services contract would see a 3% increase this season.

He reported that registrations at the AMCA annual meeting are down significantly. There is an on-line version of the AMCA presentations which are available to the trustees for \$129.00 if they are interested. He will send information on this material to the trustees.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Trustee attendance at AMCA annual meeting and authorization of payment of any expenses related thereto. Trustee Simonson will be attending the AMCA annual meeting in Jacksonville, FL. He anticipates that the total cost will run about \$2,000.00.

Trustee Rubin moved to authorize the attendance of Trustee Simonson at the AMCA annual conference and to cover all the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by Trustee Simonson and to further authorize the expenses incurred by the other trustees if they elected to participate in the on-time annual meeting presentations. Trustee Bilotti seconded the motion. Roll call. Ayes: Rubin, Bilotti, Struthers, and Simonson. Nays: None. Absent: Levy. Motion passed.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Review and planning for the 2022 season. Certain expenses may be discussed and approved as part of discussion. – The trustees and Mr. Balis discussed the increase in the costs that will be evident this year. Mr. Balis discussed the current hiring situation facing Clarke as it looks to bring on its seasonal workers.

B. Discussion of Clarke future needs and activities survey. – The trustees and Mr. Balis discussed the survey sent out by Clarke. Mr. Balis said as Clarke was formulating its plans and strategy for the coming 5 years it was looking to all parties that it services or conducts extensive business with for their views on how best to provide services and what types of

products would be most interesting. The group discussed several items and the trustees said they would provide responses to the survey.

Trustee Rubin brought to the attention of the trustees an interesting article he had read in WINGBEATS concerning abatement activities in Florida.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Rubin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District