

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
July 9, 2018**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Larry Feder, Susan Levy and Roger Simonson were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the June 11, 2018 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Bilotti to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The trustees reviewed the June 2018, treasurer's report.

The June 30, 2018 fund balance was \$985,650.64.

Following a brief discussion Trustee Simonson moved to accept, as presented, the Treasurer's Report for June 2018. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,004.25 – Legal Services
2. Liberty Business Systems - \$300.00 – website maintenance
3. Clarke Mosquito Control - \$64,000.00- fourth contract installment
4. Clarke Mosquito Control - \$58,290.81– adult and barrier treatments
5. Smith Accounting - \$100.00 – June Treasurer Reports

6. Barbara Struthers - \$200.00 – reimbursement for cost of two assistants at Riverwoods, plant sale.

Following the discussion Trustee Levy moved that the Board authorize payment of all the bills. Seconded by Trustee Feder. Roll Call. Ayes: Simonson, Bilotti, Feder, Levy and Struthers. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Kim Siegle and Erin Vine, two Highland Park residents from the Sleepy Hollow Park neighborhood arrived at the meeting. They wanted to call the Board’s attention to the bad mosquito situation. The trustees and Mr. Balis advised them that they were familiar with the area. The trustees and Mr. Balis further detailed for the residents what activities are performed in that area. Another Merus truck treatment will take place this week, weather permitting. The residents thanked the trustees for their concern and left the discussion.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Status of appointment of new Board member. – No one heard anything about a new appointment.

President Struthers reported that all went well at the Deerfield Famer’s Market appearance. She reminded all that the Highwood set up on the 19th begins at 4:30. Trustee Simonson reported that he, President Struthers and Mr. Balis will be partaking in a one on one meeting with the Riverwoods Village Board on July 24.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. None.

8. **REPORTS**

- A. Clarke – Mr. Balis distributed the written report and discussed it with the trustees. Mr. Balis said that a WNV positive mosquito was found in northwest Highland Park. There was a discussion of how certain birds have become carriers of the WNV. There was an extensive discussion of the traps used in the surveillance activity and their locations.

There was a brief discussion about the naval housing area within Fort Sheridan which is not in the District. It was decided it would not be a prudent financial decision to again attempt to bring this area into the District.

Mr. Balis said the brood predictions indicate that another full District treatment will be recommended later this week.

The Trustees and Mr. Balis discussed the possibility of an aerial treatment of the entire District. Mr. Balis told the trustees that a helicopter treatment of Riverwoods would not be very effective because of the small swath coverage of a helicopter and the density of the forest canopy.

In response to a question from Trustee Feder, Mr. Balis explained how the brood predictions are arrived at. President Struthers suggested that two treatments in a week may be necessary for Riverwoods. Mr Balis said that could happen this week following the checking of the traps on Wednesday and Friday.

There was a discussion of 1) breeding in the ravines in Highland Park, not much as long as the water is flowing and not blocked; 2) the treatments provided to the parks in Deerfield and 3) attempts to find a trap location in Highwood.

Trustee Bilotti advised that he would not attend the August meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District