

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
March 9, 2020**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Roger Simonson, Susan Levy and Dan Rubin were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and, George Balis of Clarke was participating via phone and Cheryl Chamberlain, Village of Riverwoods trustee were also in attendance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of public present except as stated above. Ms. Chamberlain stated that she was in attendance to take information back to the Board.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees then reviewed the minutes of the February 10, 2020 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Bilotti and seconded by Trustee Simonson to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The trustees reviewed the treasurer's report from February 10, 2020. Trustee Levy pointed out that the current total balance of the District funds is \$805,854. The current amount in checking is \$166,982. Trustee Simonson moved that the treasurer's report for February 2020 be accepted as presented. Trustee Bilotti seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,131.50 – Legal Services (\$1,127.50) and reimbursement of \$4.00 payment to Lake County Circuit Clerk.
2. Liberty Business Systems - \$300.00 – Website Maintenance
3. Smith Accounting Services - \$100.00 –Accounting Services.
4. West's Insurance Agency - \$500.00 – surety bond for Trustee Struthers.

There was a discussion initiated by President Struthers as to how to discuss the refund of any money paid by the trustees toward the now cancelled AMCA Annual Conference. It was agreed to hold off until the April meeting.

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

6. **Reports**

A. Clarke Report – Under #8, New Business.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of proposed legislation, S.B. 3412, before the Illinois General Assembly. The trustees discussed the proposed legislation known as Senate Bill 3412. SB 3412 would permit a County Board to decide to eliminate MADs within a county. The issue would have to be presented to the voters of the district or districts for approval. President Struthers discussed how she became involved with annexing her neighborhood into the District and later became a trustee.

Trustee Rubin expressed his concern that the bill might come out of committee at the end of May and be adopted without much review or thought. Mr. Balis reported that the bill is presently in the Local Government Committee. He also said that it seems this bill was pushed by two groups: people with a desire to consolidate government bodies and an environmental group concerned about chemicals in the environment.

The trustees had an extensive discussion on the pluses and minuses on how to advocate against the proposed legislation. The trustees were in agreement that if the District were to be disbanded the District communities would not receive services that are even close to those currently provided by the District.

Trustee Rubin suggested the trustees seek resolutions from the District's municipalities supporting the continued existence of the District. Trustee Bilotti offered to speak with Highland Park's City Manager. President Struthers will speak to Deerfield's mayor. Ms. Chamberlain offered to discuss the matter with Riverwoods' mayor.

Trustee Rubin will be the point person for communicating ideas back and forth among the trustees.

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District