

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
October 8, 2018**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Roger Simonson , Dan Rubin, Tony Bilotti and Susan Levy were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The trustees welcomed Dan Rubin to the Board.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 10, 2018 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Simonson and seconded by Trustee Struthers to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The trustees reviewed the September 2018, treasurer's report. Trustee Levy pointed out that there was a transfer from Prime Savings to Checking in September in order to pay the bills. First time this was necessary.

The September 30, 2018 fund balance was \$807,658.10.

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

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$916.50 – Legal Services
2. Liberty Business Systems - \$150.00 – website maintenance
3. Clarke Mosquito Control - \$68,953.32– adult and barrier treatments
4. West's Insurance Agency - \$8,558.00 – Premium for Director's Liability and General Liability Insurance.

One of Clarke's bills for \$5,138.11 was delivered at the meeting. It was for invoices that Clarke believe were missed for payment in June. The trustees agreed to include it in the payment approval. However, Attorney Masini was directed to verify that it had not been previously paid.

Following the discussion Trustee Bilotti moved that the bills presented be paid and that the Clarke bill presented at the meeting be confirmed by attorney Masini prior to payments. Seconded by Trustee Levy. Roll Call. Ayes: Simonson, Bilotti, Levy, Rubin and Struthers. Nays: None. Motion passed.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and adoption of the 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance – Attorney Masini distributed a draft 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance. He pointed out that the proposed levy, \$509,300 was about as high as the levy could be raised without going afoul of the tax cap. He also explained that it was doubtful that the levy could reach this amount because the Consumer Price Index will likely keep the increase to between 2.5% and 3% of the 2017 levy amount.

The trustees discussed how the District's surplus had dropped over \$200,000 in the past 3 years and that it was essential to begin building it back a bit. Following the discussion Trustee Simonson moved that the draft Tax Levy Ordinance for 2018 with a levy of \$509,300.00 be adopted as presented. Trustee Levy seconded. Roll call. Ayes: Simonson, Bilotti, Levy, Rubin and Struthers. Nays: None. Motion passed.

8. **REPORTS**

A. Clarke – Mr. Balis distributed the monthly written report and reviewed it with the trustees. Mr. Balis pointed out that the very mild and wet weather had resulted in a great deal more abatement activity than is typically performed in September. He reviewed the light and Gravid trap counts. For the benefit of the new trustee, Dan Rubin, Mr. Balis also gave a fairly detailed review of the work performed by Clarke.

B. Trustees – The trustees decided to cancel the November meeting. They also decided that the holiday dinner would be held on December 10 at the Italian Kitchen in Deerfield.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Bilotti moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Rubin. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District