

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
April 12, 2021**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Susan Levy, Roger Simonson and Dan Rubin were present. District Attorney LeeAnn L. Gurysh and George Balis were also in attendance. The meeting was held, remotely via Zoom.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees then reviewed the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Bilotti and seconded by Trustee Levy to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report for March 2021 was reviewed by Trustee Levy. Trustee Levy reported that the District's fund balance as of the end of March was \$861,090.55. Trustee Simonson moved that the report from Treasurer Levy be accepted as presented. Trustee Rubin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,598.00 – Legal Services.
2. Smith Accounting Services - \$125.00 – Accounting Services for March 2021.
3. Liberty Business Systems & Networks, Inc. - \$150.00 – Maintenance of website and social media for one month.
4. Allen Wayne - \$7,038.00 – Educational Materials (story books and activity books)
5. Clarke Environmental - \$66,600.00 – First contract installment payment.
6. Village of Deerfield - \$1,036.73 – reimbursement for printing and compiling mosquito brochures

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

6. **REPORTS**

Trustees Struthers and Bilotti discussed the educational materials that would be distributed to schools and park districts. Some Spanish copies were delivered to Highwood and Districts 112 and 109 would be receiving their copies directly to distribute to students. Trustee Simonson said that the Deerfield library was not yet accepting handouts but that he would keep checking to see when then would

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Trustee Struthers discussed whether flyers/materials should be inserted into water bills as they were in the past. Trustee Simonson talked about putting something in the Village Voice and that he would find out what the cost would be to do that. Trustee Levy expressed concern with the cost and the benefit since most people don't pay attention to their physical water bills. She would prefer that each village have something on their webpages that had links for the public to report problems or email issues. Each Trustee said they would check with their respective villages to see what was currently there and what was required to post if not already.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Public Hearing. – The trustees discussed whether to try to meet in person for the public hearing. Trustee Rubin said that the Zoom link provided may not be good for the meeting. Trustee Struthers discussed publishing an updated notice with either a public meeting place or updated Zoom link. She was going to check with Deerfield to see if they would allow meetings yet.

B. Discussion of and possible action with respect to any public health education activities for the coming season and also possible purchase of materials for said activities. President Struthers announced that Deerfield will not allow education booths at the farmer's market. She is going to talk with them to see if they will allow any notices or signs if they do not allow booths. Mr. Balis gave the idea that maybe Sunset Foods would allow either a booth or a display by the repellants for the public and that was going to be explored. There was also a discussion about booths at town festivals or food pantries.

C. Clarke Report. Mr. Balis discussed that the 3 month forecast for May through July is above average temperatures and above average precipitation. He pointed out that Tom Skilling had said that if there is at least one 80 degree day in March, then the summer tends to be excessively hot and there were several days in March that hit 80 degrees at O'Hare. He said that traps would be set in the middle of May and storm drain treatment would begin the end of May or beginning of June.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Rubin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District