

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

February 8, 2021

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Susan Levy, Roger Simonson and Dan Rubin were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and George Balis were also in attendance. The meeting was held, remotely via Microsoft Teams.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021**

The trustees very briefly discussed the current status of the District. Trustee Bilotti moved to elect Trustee Simonson to the office of Secretary. Seconded by Trustee Rubin. Vote taken, all five trustees voted in favor of Trustee Simonson for Secretary.

Trustee Rubin moved to elect Trustee Levy to the office of Treasurer. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. Vote taken, all five trustees voted in favor of Trustee Levy for Treasurer.

Trustee Bilotti moved to elect Trustee Struthers for the office of President. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. Vote taken, all five trustees voted in favor of Trustee Struthers for President.

4. **MINUTES**

The Trustees then reviewed the minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Levy and seconded by Trustee Simonson to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's reports for October, November and December 2020 and January 2021 were reviewed by Trustee Levy. She reported that when the certificate of deposit matured in December she transferred those funds to the Statement Savings account because the interest rate return was about the same. Trustee Levy reported that the District's fund balance as of the end of January was \$867,249.67. Trustee Simonson moved that the reports from Treasurer Levy be accepted as presented. Trustee Bilotti seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. BILLS

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,969.75 – Legal Services for the months of October 2020-January 2021 and \$32.88 cost reimbursement for a payment to Tribune Media.
2. Smith Accounting Services - \$275.00 – Accounting Services for October 2020-January 2021.
3. Liberty Business Systems & Networks, Inc. - \$625.00 – Maintenance of website and social media for November 2020 – January 2021 and Domain renewal.
4. West Insurance Agency - \$1,000.00 – for payment of the renewal of surety bonds for Trustees Struthers and Levy when they are due in March and April.

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.

7. REPORTS

The trustees inquired about a recent FOIA request that was received. Attorney Masini reported that he had provided the material requested which were annual financial reports.

Trustee Struthers reported that she had been contacted by representatives of the Deerfield schools and the Park District. Both entities are eager to receive the mosquito control education materials in English and dual language.

The trustees had a brief discussion of the County of Lake’s activity aimed at dissolving the Lake Bluff Mosquito Abatement District.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. 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. The trustees viewed sample materials and had a discussion concerning which educational materials to purchase. Following the discussion Trustee Levy moved that the District spend up to \$20,000 for educational materials to be available for distribution within the District. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. Roll Call. Ayes: Rubin, Bilotti, Levy, Simonson and Struthers. Nays: None. Motion passed.

The trustees authorized President Struthers to make the final order decision and arrange the delivery details.

President Struthers asked Mr. Balis if the District was being served by an adequate number of traps. He advised that the current traps were sufficient. Mr. Balis also said that there might be some new technology coming to allow the traps to provide additional information on when the mosquitoes are caught.

The trustees noted that there will be no Riverwoods plant sale this year. The Deerfield farmer's market may be operating by July. Trustee Bilotti said it was unlikely that Highwood would have its usual market because the park was being reconstructed.

B. Discussion and possible action on trustee attendance at the AMCA annual conference in 2021. Trustee Bilotti said that he had signed up for the virtual AMCA meeting.

Trustee Rubin is going to check on how to set up the virtual District meetings to allow for in-time public participation.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Rubin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District