

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
May 13, 2019**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Roger Simonson , Dan Rubin, and Tony Bilotti were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance. Trustee Susan Levy was absent.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of public present.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the April 8, 2019 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Simonson and seconded by Trustee Rubin to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The trustees reviewed the April 2019, treasurer's report. The report showed that \$707,757.33 were in the District's accounts at the end of April.

Following a brief discussion Trustee Bilotti moved to accept, as presented, the Treasurer's Report for April 2019. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,855.25 – Legal Services.
2. Liberty Business Systems - \$250.00 – Website Maintenance
3. Smith Accounting Services - \$150.00 –Accounting Services.
4. Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management - \$65,536.00 – Second Contract Installment.
5. Kapp's Custom Creation - \$100.00 – Stationary Update.
6. Chicago Tribune – \$52.29 – Publication of Notice of Public Hearing.

7. Allen Wayne - \$7,531.79 - Printing charges for educational materials.

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

Attorney Masini then reviewed a draft of the District's Annual Financial Report. He noted that the District spent about \$160,000 more than the total receipts during the last year. He pointed out the potential shortfall that could result with another one or two similar years. The trustees devoted several minutes discussing the weather related issues that caused the need for so much extra abatement expense in the last season and the need to be aware of the expenditures in the coming season. All expressed the hope for more favorable conditions.

President Struthers announced that the public education materials are going out with the Deerfield water bills in the next two months. Trustee Simonson reminded the trustees of the Riverwoods plant sale scheduled for this Saturday. He also distributed an information piece on ticks that he had received at the AMCA meeting. He would like to have it copied and distributed at the Riverwoods event.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and possible action on purchase of educational materials and methods of distribution for 2019. – No action required or taken.

- B. Discussion and possible action on social media outlets for District information.- Trustee Rubin asked if anyone had received any information from Liberty. No one had. Trustee Rubin wants to be sure that the flow of relevant information continue during the season. He would like a regularly updated calendar of items put onto the website and also disseminated via Twitter and Facebook. This matter was extensively discussed by the trustees.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and adoption of Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2019-2020 fiscal year – Attorney Masini presented the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance which provides for a total appropriation of \$693,000 as it has for several years. The trustees discussed the ordinance in connected with their concern to watch the amount spent this season.

Following the discussion Trustee Simonson moved that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the 2019-2020 fiscal year be adopted as presented with an appropriation of \$693,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bilotti. Roll Call. Ayes: Simonson, Bilotti, Rubin, and Struthers. Nays: None. Absent: Levy. Motion passed.

Mr. Balis reported that Clarke performed its first aerial application last Monday. The weather has limited the amount of work performed thus far.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Simonson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Rubin. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District