

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
October 11, 2021**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Roger Simonson, and Dan Rubin were present. Trustee Susan Levy was absent. District Attorney Robert J. Masini, George Balis of Clarke and Kim Mishimoto were also in attendance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

3. **MINUTES**

The trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 13, 2021 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Simonson, seconded by Trustee Rubin to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report for September 2021 was reviewed by President Struthers. President Struthers reported that the District's fund balance as of the end of September was \$749,518.02. Trustee Simonson moved that the report from Treasurer Levy be accepted as presented. Trustee Rubin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

President Struthers reviewed the following bills with the Trustees:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,010.50 –Legal Services
2. Smith Accounting Services - \$100.00 – Accounting Services for September 2021.
3. Clarke Environmental - \$6,051.39–for adult treatments.
4. Liberty Computer Centre - \$150.00 – October web site maintenance.

The trustees discussed how best to use funds in the coming year when allocating resources between public education materials and efforts and AMCA meeting attendance.

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

6. **REPORTS**

Mr. Balis distributed the written report and reviewed it with the trustees. Mr. Balis, in response to a question from President Struthers, told the trustees that the County and the Forest Preserve District maintain 25 mosquito traps. There is at least one trap in each township if an area is not otherwise covered with a trap from another program.

On Thursday Clarke will be helicoptering some workers from Highland Park Public Works, the City Manager and at least one council person to view the untreated swimming pools and other areas that Clarke services within the City.

The trustees and Mr. Balis had an extensive discussion about WNV and how the program has evolved over the past 20 years as the awareness of the disease and the prevention of conditions that allow it to develop has increased among the public.

The trustees also had a brief conversation with Mr. Balis about potential cost increases in the next year.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of and adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance for 2021 tax year. The trustees continued the discussion about potential cost increases in the next season and how the tax levy ordinance should reflect the current situation.

Following a wide-ranging discussion Trustee Bilotti moved that the trustees adopt an ordinance requesting a tax levy of \$540,000.00 for the 2021 tax year. Trustee Simonson seconded. Roll call. Ayes: Rubin, Bilotti, Struthers and Simonson. Nays: None. Absent Levy. Motion passed.

The trustees decided to not meet in November unless some matter arises prior to then that requires a meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Rubin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake  
Mosquito Abatement District