MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# August 14, 2017

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Larry Feder and Tony Bilotti were present. Trustees Roger Simonson and Susan Levy were absent. District Attorney Robert J. Masini, George Balis of Clarke, John Norris, Mayor of Riverwoods, and Cheryl Chamberlain, a Riverwoods trustee, were also in attendance.

2**. PUBLIC COMMENT and 7. NEW BUSINESS A. RIVERWOODS SERVICES**

The trustees elected to move directly into the discussion of the services provided to Riverwoods given the recent flooding in the area and the high mosquito counts. Mayor Norris stated that the recent brood levels were a real problem for the residents of the Village. Village Trustee Chamberlain said that the residents are most interested that the pesticides used will only kill mosquitoes. She also asked for advice and ideas on what residents could do, beyond watching for and removing standing water, to help the situation.

Mr. Balis and the District trustees explained the following about the District’s activities.

1. Spraying is only done at night so bees will not be hit.

2. Aerial larvaciding is performed in those areas of the Village that breed, as well as in sections of the forest preserve where that District has given permission.

3. No work of any kind is allowed or performed in the area within Ryerson designated as an Illinois Nature Preserve.

4. The Ryerson trap and the Thorngate trap have had positive WNV mosquitoes this season.

5. Over the past several years the District has been working with the County Forest Preserve District to acquire more opportunities to larvacide.

6. The District uses Pyrethrum, an organically grown chrysanthemum-based product. This product is OMRI listed and registered for use in recreational and residential areas.

7. Explained that the District, by prior agreement, does treat some driveway areas, within the Village because of the narrow streets and extensive vegetation. A village wide adulticiding treatment covers 51 miles of streets.

8. Currently, Clarke is treating everything rather than selectively looking for standing water. Everything is wet.

Mr. Balis suggested that residents should make sure that all drainage passages are open and flowing. The Riverwoods officials advised that the Village has an ordinance requiring this action. Mr. Balis also said it is important that Clarke be promptly contacted when standing water is present. The participants also discussed the best way to get the information on water removal out to the residents.

Mr. Balis also said Altosid Pro-G is an excellent larvacide that can be purchased over the internet.

At 8:35 the Riverwoods officials thanked the Board and Mr. Balis for their time and information and left.

3**. MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 10, 2017 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Feder and seconded by Trustee Bilotti to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

The trustees reviewed the July treasurer’s report.

Following the discussion Trustee Feder moved to accept, as presented the Treasurer’s Report for July. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. Motion passed.

5**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $1,677.00 for – Legal services plus $82.10 reimbursement for publication cost paid to the Chicago Tribune Media Services.

2. Clarke Mosquito - $159,502.76 which includes $62,800 – Fourth Contract Installment and $96,702.76 for adulticiding treatments

3. Smith Accounting/Cindy Smith - $100.00 – Accounting services.

4. David Data, Inc. - $1,290.00 – Website maintenance.

Following a brief discussion Trustee Bilotti moved that the Board pay all the bills as presented. Seconded by Trustee Feder. Roll Call. Ayes: Bilotti, Feder and Struthers. Nays: None. Absent. Trustees Levy and Simonson. Motion passed.

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

A. None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Addressed above under public comment discussion. –

8. **Reports**

Clarke – Mr Balis distributed the written monthly report. He mentioned that 2 WNV positives were found in Deerfield, in Deer Spring Park and along Lake Cook Road. Four positives were found in Highland Park. The Thorngate trap has had the most WNV positives. Clarke is trying to determine why. Fink Park in Highland Park is being sprayed weekly. Catch basins throughout the District were treated on August 14.

9. **Adjournment**.

Trustee Feder moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert J. Masini, District Attorney on behalf of Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake Mosquito Abatement District