MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# June 12, 2017

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Roger Simonson and Tony Bilotti were present. Trustees Susan Levy and Larry Feder were absent. District Attorney Robert J. Masini, and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance.

2**. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Irene Gagerman, of Riverwoods, was in attendance and asked to address the trustees. Ms. Gagerman stated she lived on Orange Brace in the Vernon Subdivision and that many people in Riverwoods, especially in her neighborhood, were hiring mosquito and tick contractors to spray their properties. She had investigated the ingredients being used, and they can kill bees. She brought her concern to the Village Board. She was told the Village could not regulate the situation. She felt the companies were advertising very aggressively and not giving adequate information about their products.

Mr. Balis explained Clarke’s operations. He said Clarke performs adult control, barrier treatments, (Clarke’s protocol—if green, it may be treated; if it flowers, it should not be treated) and larvaciding. He said that labeling restrictions on product use are also followed. Clarke does individual home treatments, but Clarke’s prominent work is done for governmental entities.

Mr. Balis and the trustees further explained that Highland Park, a home rule entity like Riverwoods, has enacted ordinances restricting when individual property backpack treatments and other adulticiding treatments may be performed. Highland Park also licenses the service providers. Everyone suggested that Ms. Gagerman check further with Riverwoods’ attorney because it does not sound correct that the Village could not undertake some reasonable regulation of the services.

3**. MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 8, 2017 regular meeting and the May 8 minutes of the public hearing on the annual budget and appropriation ordinance.. Motion by Trustee Simonson and seconded by Trustee Bilotti to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017 public hearing. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Trustee Simonson and seconded by Trustee Struthers to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

No reports were available.

5**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $1,189.50 – Legal services.

2. Clarke Mosquito - $62,800 – Second Contract Installment.

3. Barbara Struthers - $50.00 – Reimbursement for expense-helper at Riverwoods Flower Sale Day.

4. David Data, Inc. - $3,510.00 – Website Maintenance.

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Trustee Simonson reported that the computer man that reviewed the website bills felt that the charges were reasonable for the work reflected on the invoices. Trustees Struthers and Bilotti expressed frustration that the site does not look good and the information is, in their words, “garbled.” Trustee Struthers said that the front page seems to have everything there but is too spread out, difficult to find and difficult to access. Trustee Bilotti said the site does not make it easy to access basic information. Also, they said they were not receiving messages via the site.

During the discussion the trustees agreed that Trustee Simonson should check into identifying a replacement for the current website maintenance provider.

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

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of current state of the District’s Website – Took place during the discussion of the bills.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of the Lake County Forest Preserve District’s amended Mosquito Management Policy. – The trustees reviewed the June 5 communication from the Lake County Forest Preserve District (District) concerning a Resolution under consideration for amending the District’s Mosquito Management Policy. An extensive discussion took place concerning the Policy and the proposed changes. It was decided that President Struthers would contact District President Ann Maine and request the following:

1. Page 1 in Background of the Policy – the reference to “nuisance” mosquitoes be removed;
2. On page 1 in Background – the use of “District property” be taken out. The nature of the mosquito situation is that problems can be present on District property from infected mosquitoes breeding and coming from adjacent properties. Action on District property can become necessary for public health purposes when people are using and present on District property, and infected mosquitoes are coming from other properties.
3. On page 8, point 5, the trustees would like to have the words “large number” removed or revised. Health problems can appear even when the incidence of infected mosquitoes is not “large.”

The amendment of the policy is up for consideration at tomorrow’s (June 13) District meeting. President Struthers will email President Maine the trustees’ concerns later tonight after the meeting.

8. **Reports**

Clarke – Mr Balis distributed the written report. He briefly reviewed the positive WNV batches found and the upcoming brood predictions. Clarke received a communication from Deerfield Public Works regarding some drainage issues. Clarke is following up at approximately 50 addresses to check for breeding issues.

Trustee – The Deerfield Farmer’s Market appearance is June 24. Trustee Bilotti receives Illinois Department of Public Health announcements and forwards them to the Trustees.

9. **Adjournment**.

Trustee Bilotti moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake Mosquito Abatement District