

**MINUTES OF THE RE- ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS, TOWNSHIP 36 N, RANGE 15 E**

**HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2025**

**AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 16800 CHICAGO AVE SUITE B,  
LANSING, ILLINOIS 60438**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.**

Treasurer Wheaton called the meeting to Order at 6:15 p.m.

Upon a roll call by the Clerk, the following members were:

Present: Stephen Geraci, Adam Jordan, Deborah Clayton, Ivone DeJesus, Teresa Bishop and Gloria White

Also, Present: Scott Wheaton, School Treasurer

Absent: Mark Crotty

Ayes: -6-

Nays: -0-

**READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS BOARD  
MEETING AS AMENDED AT THE TABLE**

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 7, 2024 were read.

Trustee Stephan Geraci moved, seconded by Trustee Adam Jordan.

Motion carried.

Ayes: -6-

Nays: -0-

## **PRESENTATION OF 2023-2024 AUDIT REPORTS – DIANA COLE**

Trustee Teresa Bishop moved, seconded by Trustee Deborah Clayton.

Motion carried.

Ayes: -6-  
Nays: -0-

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer provided the December 2024, Quarterly Financial Statement to the Trustees and list of bills paid for the last quarter. Trustee Teresa Bishop moved to approve, seconded by Trustee Adam Jordan.

Roll Call  
Ayes: -6-  
Nays: -0-

## **DISCUSSION REGARDING ECHO**

The board chose to table the decision to accept ECHO into the Treasurer's office.

## ADJOURMENT

Being there was no other new business it was moved by Trustee Deborah Clayton, and Seconded by Trustee Gloria White to adjourn the meeting.

### Roll Call

Ayes: -6-  
Nays: -0-

  
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President

  
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Secretary

THORNTON FRACTIONAL TWP TRUSTEES

Transaction List by Vendor

October through December 2024

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount
<b>AMAZON.COM</b>							
Check	10/15/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(8.55)
Check	11/05/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(9.62)
Check	11/05/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(17.53)
Check	11/05/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(18.13)
Check	12/02/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(15.61)
Check	12/02/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(812.13)
Check	12/05/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(99.80)
Check	12/10/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(319.69)
Check	12/16/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(15.32)
<b>BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD</b>							
Check	12/16/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5601 · HOSPI...	(380.00)
<b>CARMEN MARIA DEL MEDINA</b>							
Check	10/22/2024	5862	SEPT & OCT ...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5430 · BUILDI...	(500.00)
<b>COMCAST CABLE</b>							
Check	10/29/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5444 · COMC...	(217.90)
Check	11/29/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5444 · COMC...	(217.90)
Check	12/30/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5444 · COMC...	(217.90)
<b>First National Bank of Illinois</b>							
Liability Check	10/11/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 ...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(3,569.96)
Liability Check	10/25/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 ...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(3,569.92)
Liability Check	11/08/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 ...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(3,569.92)
Liability Check	11/22/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 ...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(3,569.90)
Liability Check	12/06/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 ...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(3,569.94)
Liability Check	12/20/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 ...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(4,282.48)
<b>HANCOCK &amp; COMPANY. PC</b>							
Check	10/15/2024	5861		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5235 · Office ...	(5,250.00)
Check	10/25/2024	5863		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5235 · Office ...	(5,250.00)
Check	11/08/2024	5869		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5235 · Office ...	(5,250.00)
Check	11/22/2024	5872		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5235 · Office ...	(5,250.00)
Check	12/06/2024	5875		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5235 · Office ...	(5,250.00)
Check	12/20/2024	5878		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5235 · Office ...	(5,250.00)
<b>ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE</b>							
Liability Check	10/11/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 0...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	2120 · ILLINOI...	(590.45)
Liability Check	10/25/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 0...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	2120 · ILLINOI...	(590.45)
Liability Check	11/08/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 0...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	2120 · ILLINOI...	(590.45)
Liability Check	11/22/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 0...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	2120 · ILLINOI...	(590.45)
Liability Check	12/06/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 0...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	2120 · ILLINOI...	(590.45)
Liability Check	12/20/2024	E-pay	36-6009486 0...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	2120 · ILLINOI...	(715.88)
<b>IMRF</b>							
Liability Check	10/08/2024	5867		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(2,648.70)
Liability Check	11/08/2024	5868		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(1,305.13)
Liability Check	12/03/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(2,023.72)
<b>INTUIT</b>							
Check	11/04/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5520 · SOFTW...	(850.00)
<b>JOHN KASPEREK COMPANY, INC.</b>							
Check	10/08/2024	5860		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(25,000.00)
Check	10/27/2024	5864		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(18,150.00)
<b>JOSEPH MIKOLAJCZAK</b>							
Check	12/12/2024	5877	OCTOBER T...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5411 · RENT	(300.00)
<b>LORI MECH</b>							
Check	11/21/2024	5871		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(199.58)
<b>PETER GERMICK</b>							
Check	10/01/2024	5858		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5411 · RENT	(1,978.17)
Check	11/01/2024	5865		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5411 · RENT	(1,978.17)
Check	12/01/2024	5873		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5411 · RENT	(1,978.17)
<b>QuickBooks Payroll Service</b>							
Liability Check	10/10/2024		Created by P...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(7,891.61)
Liability Check	10/24/2024		Created by P...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(7,891.63)
Liability Check	11/07/2024		Created by P...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(7,891.63)
Liability Check	11/21/2024		Created by P...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(7,891.64)
Liability Check	12/05/2024		Created by P...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(7,891.62)
Liability Check	12/19/2024		Created by P...	1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	-SPLIT-	(9,530.01)
<b>RING CENTRAL</b>							
Check	10/07/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5421 · TELEP...	(168.57)
Check	11/05/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5421 · TELEP...	(168.57)

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Check	12/05/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5421 · TELEP...	(168.57)
<b>SERVICE FORMS &amp; GRAPHICS, INC.</b>							
Check	11/01/2024	5866		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(1,958.82)
<b>STATE FARM</b>							
Check	10/08/2024	5859		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5620 · CASUA...	(44.44)
<b>SUN-TIMES MEDIA</b>							
Check	12/12/2024	5876		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5040 · PUBLIC...	(7,424.00)
<b>THOMAS P. STEFANIAK</b>							
Check	11/21/2024	5870		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5601 · HOSPI...	(1,140.00)
<b>THORNTON FRACTIONAL SCHOOL TRUSTEES</b>							
Check	12/03/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	2010 · DUE T...	(150,000.00)
<b>WATER</b>							
Check	10/07/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(8.49)
Check	10/21/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(40.66)
Check	11/04/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(8.49)
Check	12/02/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(8.49)
Check	12/16/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(34.66)
Check	12/30/2024	DM		1011 · FIRST NATI...	X	5250 · OFFIC...	(8.49)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING  
CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER FOR ECHO FUNDS**

WHEREAS, ECHO Special Education Joint Agreement, Cook County, Illinois (“ECHO”) currently utilizes the services of the office of the Thornton Township Treasurer for custody of ECHO funds, including the receipt, maintenance and expenditure of ECHO funds; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of Directors has received reports from the administration concerning the performance of the office of the Thornton Township Treasurer as a custodian of ECHO funds; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of Directors desires to change the ECHO custodian of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Board of Directors of ECHO Special Education Joint Agreement, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby designates the office of the Thornton Fractional Township Treasurer as the custodian of ECHO funds, effective July 1, 2025, or earlier if ECHO member districts effectuate their withdrawal from the office of the Thornton Township Treasurer on a date prior to July 1, 2025. In that event, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the ECHO Superintendent to adjust this effective date to such earlier date to align with the member school districts withdrawal from the office of the Thornton Township Treasurer.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves and authorizes the withdrawal of ECHO funds from the office of the Thornton Township Treasurer in order to effectuate the transfer of said funds to the office of the Thornton Fractional Township Treasurer pursuant to Section 1 above.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the ECHO Superintendent to take necessary steps to effectuate this change in the custodian of ECHO funds, including, but not necessarily limited to, working with necessary financial consultants and legal counsel to ensure an orderly transition, to ensure that ECHO funds are properly accounted for, that ECHO financial obligations continue to be met in a timely manner, and that the fiscal operations of ECHO continue with as little disruption as possible as a result of this change in custodian of ECHO funds.

Section 4. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the ECHO Superintendent to request, if necessary, a full accounting from the office of the Thornton Township Treasurer of ECHO funds being held by the office of the Thornton Township Treasurer.

Section 5. The Board hereby authorizes ECHO to pay a fee of up to \$125,000 for and in consideration of the services to be provided by the office of the Thornton Fractional Township Treasurer.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage. Any resolution or other Board action previously adopted that is in conflict with this Resolution shall hereby be repealed to the extent of the conflict.

After a full and complete discussion thereof, Member Geraci moved and Member Rice seconded the Motion that this Resolution be adopted.

The President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the Motion to adopt this Resolution.

Upon a roll call vote, the following vote was received:

AYES: 5

