

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Held at Sangamon Township Building, 1264 Old Rt 47 White Heath, Illinois

February 11, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll Call was taken. Present were Trustees Mike Nolan, Bill Olson, Bill Blickhan and John Foley.

Also present were Clerk Kevin Duff and Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Two corrections were noted on the January minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Foley to approve the minutes as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Invoices: A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Communications: Supervisor Piatt posted the tentative Town and Road budgets at United Prairie, the Township Office and the White Heath Post Office. The Board will vote on the tentative budgets at the regular March meeting. Attorney Rupiper's office is placing the required advertisement in the Piatt County Journal Republican.

A request had been made for another little free library box for Walden Pond and will be installed in the spring. If the box is installed in the road right away, the City must be contacted.

Road employee Linc McCullum has applied for temporary disability insurance. Supervisor Piatt has returned the requested paperwork. The question was asked what policy the Township would follow if a Township employee tested positive for COVID.

The State's IDNR grant for park development will not be offered in 2021.

The Compilation Study was given to the Trustees. An agenda item will be placed for the March meeting to discuss. The audit for 2021 must be an audit and not a compilation because it is an election year.

The Township office has been used for brief meetings by Board Trustee candidates in January.

Old Business: No assessor's report was received.

Trustee Blickhan and Supervisor Piatt met with a representative of Kirby Hospital to discuss a possible partnership to expand the Township's recycling operation. The Hospital is willing to consider a one time donation of equipment but is not interested in an ongoing, monthly operations contribution. Knight Engineering estimates that the Township would pay an additional 70-80% to add another recycling container. The Trustees approve of the current recycling program but do not think spending more money to expand the program is realistic.

No report about blighted properties was received.

The profit/loss statement from Kelly's Accounting has an additional tweak in the reporting of the Highway Commissioner's salary to reflect the Town's contribution. Supervisor Piatt will also

let Kelly know that an entry for last month under Community Programming should be under General Assistance.

Supervisor Piatt and Clerk Duff will explore options to allow the Budget Document to be sent in the future to the Trustees in one PDF instead of each page separately. Perhaps a new scanner is needed. The Tentative Budget was discussed in detail, item by item. Changes suggested will be incorporated in the Final Budget to be considered by the Board at the Regular March meeting. The point was made several times during the discussion that the Budget is an Appropriation Budget anticipating worst case expenses and not an actual budget.

New Business: Clean Up Days will be held in the fall.

The Notice of the Invitation for Bid for Mowing Services for 2021 and 2022 was discussed. The suggestion was made to discuss the needs of the White Heath Rec League or the future ball diamond area. Trustee Nolan volunteered to mow the grass parking area as he has done in 2020. Highway Commissioner Sebens agreed to be the contact should any bidders have questions about the areas to be mowed.

A motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clerk Duff