

**Sangamon Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**February 13, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll Call was taken. Present were Kathleen Piatt and Trustees Mike Nolan, John Foley, Bill Olsen and Bill Blickhan

Also present were guests Thomas Scott, Jr., Linda Bailey, and Mark Sieja, Clerk Kevin Duff, and Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Supervisor Piatt to approve the January Regular minutes. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved. A mistake was discovered in the November 2019 Regular minutes in the amount due to Kirby or ambulance service. A motion was made by Trustee Olsen and seconded by Trustee Foley to approve the amended minutes. A voice vote was taken and approved unanimously.

**Invoices:**

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

**Communications:**

Officials should let Supervisor Piatt know if they want to attend the Township Officials Workshops this spring

Supervisor Piatt has signed and returned the Kirby ambulance contract.

A letter from the County concerning a sheriff's sale of property on Lick Skillet Road was distributed.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Sebens distributed information showing a revenue increase of about 40% from the motor fuel tax.

Assessor Dees sent an e mail outlining the County's CEMA update to the DESNED system. The update will take about a year to implement. The Township will eventually have an initial fee of \$670 with 5 years of an annual fee of \$235.

The Board discussed the idea of investing some funds from the General Assistance and Insurance fund accounts into short term CDs. First State Bank has quoted the best rates. Each fund will have \$15k remaining. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Foley to open two 6 month CDs at First State Bank for \$50k each (one from each fund) at First State Bank. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Aaron Brown from the White Heath Rec League will come to the March meeting to discuss the new lease for the ball diamond and proposed improvements for the park land. A light is needed in the proposed parking area. There is a July deadline for submitting a grant application to IDNR.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Supervisor Piatt to approve a land lease to Dan Morris for 3.5 acres of the park land at \$200/acre from March 1 to Dec. 1, 2020. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously. Mr. Morris will have insurance.

No report was made from the Cemetery Committee. Supervisor Piatt suggested that the Board should consider the discrepancy in pay for cemetery committee members and the Township Board trustees. Any changes to pay have to be made by November. Supervisor Piatt suggested that the Board also consider reducing the supervisor's salary.

Supervisor Piatt believes that the funds available as shown in the reports from Kelly's Accounting will be sufficient until the levy funds are received.

Supervisor Piatt reported that the salary item in the tentative appropriation for the Town needs to be increased to \$90k on page 2 of 10. She will also check the safety/infrastructure item on page 3 of 10.

Trustee Nolan reported that he is discussing the township ordinance about abandoned vehicles with Attorney Rhoades, the County's state's attorney. Trustee Nolan believes that the ordinance can be modified to make enforcement stronger. Attorney Rupiper reminded the Board in May that proposed Township ordinances must be discussed/approved at the annual town meeting. The existing abandoned vehicle township ordinance will be reviewed at the March Township regular meeting. Attorney Rupiper will be consulted to confirm all existing township codes that are in place for abandoned properties and abandoned vehicles. Trustee Nolan attended the County Board meeting and suggested a committee be established with a member from each township to review the County's ordinances for abandoned properties and how the County might better enforce.

Supervisor Piatt has been talking to a few township residents about possibly serving on a proposed township land use committee. The last land use committee had 5 members.

#### **New Business:**

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Foley to have a township clean up day on Friday May 1, 2020 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday May 2, 2020 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. A voice vote was taken and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Nolan to have the Township Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday April 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm with the submitted agenda. A voice vote was taken and approved unanimously.

#### **Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Supervisor Piatt to adjourn the meeting. A voice was taken and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.