

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
Held at Sangamon Township Building, 1264 Old Rt 47 White Heath, Illinois
August 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 Supervisor Piatt, Trustees Mike Nolan, John Foley and Bill Blickhan.

Also present were Clerk Kevin Duff, Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Thomas Scott, Jr., Mark Seija, and Ken Purcell. Aaron Brown joined the meeting by Zoom about 7:58 pm.

Absent: Trustee Bill Olson

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Mr. Purcell expressed concern about a dangerous unmarked intersection at 1880N and 1400E where several serious accidents have occurred. Commissioner Sebens will talk with Commissioner Charlie Montgomery since the intersection is also in Monticello Township, The County Engineer will be consulted as required.

Minutes:

Trustee Nolan made a motion seconded by Supervisor Piatt to approve the July minutes. After clarification about the the notice to Township from the County Zoning Committee about a zoning change request, a vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Invoices:

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

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve invoices to be paid August 24 & 27. These invoices were not received in time to be processed by Kelly's Accounting before their vacation. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Communications:

Rescheduled Clean Up Days will be October 2, 2020 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and October 3, 2020 from 8:00 am to noon.

Commissioner Sebens reported that the new salt shed will be constructed where the old building was. The top of the 30ft X 50ft shed will cost about \$10,400. The County will reimburse the Township for half of the cost of the shed.

The Compilation report needs to be reviewed by 3 township residents with financial backgrounds. Supervisor Piatt recommend Dale Lantz, Allen King and Diane Lentz. The Board approved the recommendation. The report was e mailed to the trustees. Supervisor Piatt will ask the auditors the difference between the compilation and an audit to be sure the liability protection is ok for the compilation.

Supervisor Piatt has applied for COVID reimbursement from the State for the legal fees incurred to reschedule the annual town meeting.

Commissioner Sebens had the brush pile removed at the Park.

Trustee Nolan proposed 2 parking signs for the park to direct cars to the parking area. He will donate the signs for Commissioner Sebens to have installed. The signs met with approval.

The White Heath Rec League and the Middle School sent insurance forms naming the Township as an additional insured for the ball diamond. Mr. Brown sent the COVID requirements to the Middle School who will play 5 home games at the Park.

Old Business:

Michael Schroeder from the County Health Department sent an e mail about the status of blighted properties that was shared. Supervisor Piatt has 2 additional complaints that she will forward to Mr. Schroeder. Trustee Nolan wondered if the notices sent were the first notices sent. Commissioner Sebens had calls from a property owner receiving a letter about 8 or 9 months ago. Mr. Sieja will send a registered letter complaint to Mr. Schroeder about a blighted property in Hickory Hills.

There was no Assessor's report.

The first installment of tax revenues has been received. The second installment is expected in late October or November.

A motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Nolan for Supervisor Piatt to move the borrowed \$20,000 plus interest to date from the Town Fund back into the Road and Bridge Fund. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Kelley's Accounting Report was e mailed to the trustees.

Clerk Duff will e mail the draft minutes from the Annual Meeting to the trustees.

Mr. Brown reported that the White Heath Rec League has had its 501C3 status reestablish for fund raising and grants for the development of the second ball diamond. Consideration is being given to bringing back adult softball this fall to the ball diamond is since the games don't bring a lot of fans and can practice good social distancing. Mr. Brown will let the Board know. Supervisor Piatt has received inquiries from some residents about knowing the scheduled events at the ball diamond so that they might use the fields on off times. Mr. Brown will post the schedule on the White Heath Rec League website. He will also post instructions for using the pitcher's mound and batter boxes to try to avoid damage. Supervisor Piatt suggested the Township have a link on their page to the White Heath website. Signage at the ball diamond directing users to the website will be considered by the League. A & R has developed probable construction cost estimates for the new ball diamond and park for use in donations and fund raising. The estimates do not include lighting. The League still plans on leveraging volunteers and companies to develop the park.

New Business:

None

A motion was made by Trustee Foley seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clerk Duff