Sangamon Township Regular Monthly Meeting

Held at Sangamon Township Building, 1264 Old Rt 47 White Heath Illinois October 11, 2018

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

Debbie Marshall-Clerk was also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

None

Minutes:

The minutes of the September meeting were read aloud. Kathleen Piatt made a motion to accept the minutes and John Foley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Invoices:

A motion to approve invoices was made by Mike Nolan and seconded by John Foley. With a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the motion to approve invoices passed.

Announcements/communications:

Kathleen announced that the doors are now installed at the White Heath ball diamond. There is new legislation-effective January 2019- requiring the township clerk to attest to and sign each expenditure/check issued by the supervisor.

Old Business:

John Foley made a motion to add historical information regarding Sangamon Township to the website pending approval from the authors' families. Kathleen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Kathleen asked if there were any questions regarding the Annual Financial Report or Audit. She went over the list from the auditors highlighting concerns or corrections needed. Each item was

reviewed and explained. Each item has been resolved. Bill Blickhan asked for an explanation of the schedule of funding progress-IMRF on page 23 of the audit. John likes the format of the reports in the audit. He offered to pay to take a copy of our audit to his outsourced quick books expert. She will "drop it in" and create templates for our use. He asked for the Boards' approval. He would get us the template formatted and then we take it to our bookkeeper and ask for financial reports to be in these formats. Mike suggested finding someone local who could perhaps also set up a format. He would like to see us contact the "ultimate" accountant. So we don't have to utilize one to prepare templates and then transfer to someone else. A discussion of possible accountants followed. Kathleen plans to make appointments with local accounting businesses and gather estimates for their services. A motion to accept the Annual Audit was made by John Foley and seconded by Mike Nolan. With a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

Mike met with Chad Thomas-scout leader- to discuss the restoration of Argo Cemetery. He is interested in taking it on as a scout project. About 26 scouts would make this a springtime project. There are not enough trees to take down for firewood and include Habitat for Humanity in the project. Also, shade will keep invasive vegetation from growing in the cemetery. The landowner suggested that a fence should probably be built around the cemetery.

New Business:

Kathleen has interviewed Assessor candidates. Brett has assisted.

Levy amounts for 2017 payable 2018 were passed out for review. The Board will study these amounts and return in November to discuss. Kathleen will meet with Amy Rupiper, our Attorney to discuss possibilities.

Scholarships are offered by our Illinois Township Association. We would like to make sure that this is well publicized to our residents. Do we want to offer a scholarship from our own township? Consensus is-- probably not. The subject is tabled for later.

A plan to establish a fund to draw from when honoring a past Township Official's service will be started with personal donations.

A motion to move to a closed session meeting was made by Mike Nolan and seconded by John Foley. Closed session began at 9:22 P.M. We returned to open session at 10:12 P.M.

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting was made by Mike Nolan and seconded by John Foley. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Marshall

Sangamon Township Clerk