

**Sangamon Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**December 10, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll Call was taken. Present were Supervisor Piatt. Present remotely were Trustees Mike Nolan, John Foley, Bill Blickhan and Bill Olson.

Also present was Clerk Kevin Duff. Also present remotely were Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens and Assessor Denise Dees.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:** One correction was made to the minutes. A motion was made by Trustee John Foley and seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the minutes as corrected. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**Communications:** One free library book box has been installed. One box has been requested for Welsh Cobb Circle. Two have requested in White Heath and another site off Route 10.

An agenda item will be placed next month to consider a memorial tree gift for Cemetery Sexton Dick's wife, Janice, to be planted in the Mackey Cemetery.

The furnace and air conditioner have been installed in the Township Office Building.

The Township's tax certification has been received. All Township properties are tax exempt except the 3.5 acres leased as farm land in the new park. The tax rate for the leased land is estimated to be \$175. An appeal must be made no later than 60 days from Dec. 1. Supervisor Piatt will talk to the County and let Trustees Blickhan and Olson know.

The final property tax revenues have been deposited and will show up in the accounting reports next month.

The cemetery trustees were paid for their meeting attendance last year.

The first ambulance payment is being made this month. The next payment will be in July.

Many households in Sangamon Township would like to use the Monticello Library but are not allowed because Township residents do not pay a library tax. The library contacted Supervisor Piatt about considering a contract with the library or a putting a taxing amendment on the ballot. The suggestion was made that the rate should be lower if Sangamon Township does make payments to the library.

Some Sangamon Township residents have talked about the possibility of having fiber optics run to their homes. Supervisor Piatt will talk to County Engineer Seibring. Since property owners own to the center of the Township roads, every land owner would have to approve an easement for fiber optics to be installed.

Steve Harper brought two new golf cart permits to Supervisor Piatt.

**Old Business:** Assessor Dees reported that 28 building permits were issued this year with 5 single family residences, 5 single family residences in the TIF and the rest sheds or barns. The

new computer program for cataloging properties has not progressed because of Covid 19. Denise will give the Board updates as the project progresses.

Some blighted properties like the White Heath apartments appear to be getting cleaned up.

Profit and loss statements from Kelly's Accounting were e mailed to the Trustees. Reporting of property taxes are correct now. There is still some question of how to report the highway commissioner's salary since half is being paid from the Town fund and half from the Road and Bridge fund. The suggestion was made to ask Kelly to provide the general ledger behind the accounts. The suggestion was also made to class the salary in its own class. Supervisor Piatt will follow up with Kelly.

**New Business:** Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Trustee Olson to renew the assessor's contract for Denise Dees just like last year's contract at \$750/month with no expenses. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A draft budget will be discussed next month. The budget has to be approved in March. We are waiting on paperwork from Attorney Rupiper.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Foley to keep the Township's closed meeting minutes closed. A roll vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Dates for the Township's Regular Meetings for 2021 were discussed. A suggestion was made to move the November meeting to November 18 so the meeting does not happen on Veteran's Day. Supervisor Piatt will check with TOI to make sure the change is allowed. A motion was made Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the dates as amended. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Piatt thanked the Board and others for their work for the Township over the past year.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Olson to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk Duff