

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

January 11, 2024

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

Also present were Cemetery Sexton Frannie Dick, Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Assessor Steve Whitehouse, and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustee Bill Blickhan

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Communications: Sexton Dick reported that necessary repairs to the dump tractor will be about \$200. Highway Commissioner Sebens agreed to be the backup contact should Sexton Dick not be available. Sexton Dick gave Supervisor Nolan a list of recent cemetery activities for part time employee Tori Taylor to update the electronic cemetery data.

New Business: Assessor Whitehouse reported that while he had completed photographing Township properties last year (one year early from the County deadline), the County lost some of his photos. He will have to reshoot the lost properties. Lots of new construction is happening around the Kirby Hospital. City properties in this area that are also in the Township are reported to Assessor Whitehouse by the City's staff. This year will probably see less building activity than 2023. Assessor Whitehouse noted that he has been advised not to include the cost of solar panels in property tax assessments. Trustee Piatt made a motion seconded by Trustee King to approve Assessor Whitehouse's contract for 2024. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The abandoned properties item was deferred.

Supervisor Nolan reported that his recent IMRF training included an item that Townships should be sure to include required updates for elected employees, a recent audit finding for Sangamon Township. Supervisor Nolan distributed a copy of the letter sent to IMRF concerning the recent audit finding as approved by Township Attorney Rupiper.

Supervisor Nolan made a motion seconded by Trustee Piatt to approve a tentative Road and Bridge budget for 2024. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Piatt made a motion seconded by Supervisor Nolan to approve a tentative Town budget for 2024. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The tentative budgets will be taken to Attorney Rupiper for typing so that Clerk Duff can post as required around February 14, 2024.

Supervisor Nolan passed out a summary of the Board's actions in 2023.

Old Business: Trustee Olson and Highway Commissioner Sebens signed their copies of the civility resolution.

Supervisor Nolan reported that part time employee Tori Taylor made progress over the holidays with much needed filing for the Township.

No comments were made about the 2023 Township audit.

Supervisor Nolan distributed a positive cash flow projection.

Supervisor Nolan summarized activities in the Township's Illinois funds including transferring \$80k into the Park Fund.

A letter was distributed from Attorney Rupiper advising that since most of the funds for the proposed grading and drainage work for the second ball diamond has been donated, the Township does not have to bid that work. A letter was also distributed confirming the \$50k donation from the Robert Millikin Trust.

Copies of the personal leave law were distributed.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Trustee Piatt made a motion seconded by Trustee King to approve the December minutes as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: Trustee Piatt made a motion seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee King made a motion seconded by Trustee Olson to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff