

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

January 12, 2023

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 Bill Olson, Bill Blickhan, Kathleen Piatt and Tim King.

Also present were Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Assessor Scott Whitehouse and Clerk Kevin Duff.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

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

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

Communications: Trustee Piatt reported about the status of windmill review with the County Board. The State has a pending bill to override windmill requests vetoed by the Counties.

Supervisor Nolan attended a meeting of the Railroad Museum and talked about the White Heath Celebration being planning for this summer. The question was asked if the Township is a dry township. Trustee Nolan replied yes but last year the Board approved a request be made to the County for a temporary license for the Trailblazers for the Rodeo.

Supervisor Nolan reported that replacement tax has been received for the Town and the Road and Bridge accounts.

Supervisor Nolan reported that \$700 has been received for cemetery plots.

A letter has been received by Knight Environmental that trash collected outside of the Township dumpster will result in additional charges to the Township.

A letter has been received from the State Human Resource office to address public officials' safety concerns over anti LGBNTQ+.

Old Business: Assessor Whitehouse reported that 5 permits have been received for the Township this year with four of the permits being for solar installations. A permit list was distributed. Assessor Whitehouse reminded the Board that because of the County's new software, he will be taking photos of each property in the Township to upload over the next four years.

A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve a tentative Road Budget reflecting current levies and anticipated expenses. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Piatt to approve a tentative Town Budget reflecting current levies and anticipated expenses. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The tentative Road and Town Budgets will be given to Attorney Rupiper for typing in preparation for posting. Anticipated approval by the Board is the March 9, 2023 meeting to give required time for public posting and review.

Supervisor Nolan reported that Cox Surveyors has started a survey for Camp Creek Cemetery to be completed by the end of January. (The survey was approved by the Board at the December meeting.) Trustee Nolan asked property owner to share the expense for the quit deed title as requested by the Board but The owner declined.

CDs have been purchased as approved by the Board at the last meeting: \$45k from the Insurance Fund and \$58k from the General Assistance fund.

A positive cash flow spread sheet was distributed.

The question about having an audit next year will be addressed at the February meeting.

No Park update was given.

Supervisor Nolan followed up with the County Health Department about the abandoned property in the Hickory Hills Subdivision. They are unable to assist. The Board reviewed a copy of a letter to be sent to the property owner from the Township. A copy of the letter will be sent to Township Attorney Rupiper.

Supervisor Nolan will meet with the vendor providing cleaning services for the Township Office to talk about waxing to floors and pest control.

New Business: A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to increase the farm land rent in the Township's park by \$50 to \$250 for the 2023 season. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Blickhan will follow up with the tenant.

Supervisor Nolan followed up on what emergency signature authority procedure would be implemented if he is unable to process bills and payments. An emergency meeting of the Board would be called to vote on an interim supervisor. The Township Clerk would provide a copy of the emergency meeting minutes to the bank.

The Board reviewed the mowing bid advertisement to be placed in the Piatt County Journal.

The State has a plan for emergency assistance for water bills for current charges and back charges for citizens that need help.

Renewal of the Website will be required soon.

Supervisor Nolan will find out what the city of Monticello requires for solar panel installations and report to the Board next month.

A handout was distributed about long term planning processes. The Board intends to take a category every month to discuss.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Piatt to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff