

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

January 13, 2022

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

Also present were Guest Thomas Scott, Jr., Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens and Clerk Kevin Duff.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the December minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: Supervisor Piatt clarified that invoices for training such as the one submitted this month for Assessor Scott Whitehouse are paid in advance of the training. Assessor Whitehouse's reimbursement was prorated among the Townships he serves. 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. A motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve payment of \$3,000 to Clean Green for tree removal and pruning at the Camp Creek Cemetery. Sexton Francis Dick dropped off the invoice before this meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications: A thank note was received by Deb McPheeters for the vase and flowers presented to her in November by the Board in recognition of her service to the Township.

Supervisor Piatt and Commissioner Sebens will make an appointment with attorney Rupiper next week to prepare the tentative Town budget and the tentative Road and Bridge budget.

A discussion about having an audit versus a compilation was had. With a compilation, three Township residents are required to review the compilation. The Board is ok with a compilation if Kelly Finet is given read only ability for the Township's bank accounts. The Board is not asking for on line banking for the Township where transactions may be done on line; the Board is asking for read only privileges on line be available for Kelly and the Supervisor. The price difference between an audit and a compilation report is about \$3,000 more for an audit. The expense is split between the Town budget and the Road and Bridge budget. Commissioner Sebens prefers an audit rather than a compilation. A motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve an audit for next year. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with four "yes" votes and one Trustee Nolan voting "no". Supervisor Piatt will ask Kelly for her recommendation for an auditor.

Old Business: No assessor's report was given.

Kelly's financial reports were discussed. As discussed last month, an expense item recorded in December as rent should be moved to general assistance. A discussion about the benefit of having a spreadsheet showing Township expenses projected out to August was had. Some of the information will be shown when Supervisor Piatt completes the annual fiscal report. Trustee Foley will forwarding a spreadsheet to Trustee Nolan to use to create an expense spreadsheet. All of the Township's ambulance fee has been paid for 2021 in two installments. Supervisor Piatt recommended paying the ambulance fee for 2022 in one payment. A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the transfer of \$13,490.25 from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Town Fund to cover IMRF expenses for the Road crew. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Sebens agreed to the transfer.

No recycling report was given but an agenda item will be carried on the February agenda.

Trustee Foley will discuss adding a solar light at the existing ball diamond's off road parking area. An agenda item will be added to the February agenda to discuss a solar light and purchasing some plants for installation along the right field fence of the existing ball diamond.

Supervisor Piatt will call property owner Dennis Reed about the status of the sale of his property with a partially demolished house across from the recycling dumpster.

Supervisor Piatt will contact First Mid Bank about giving Kelly read only privileges for Township accounts.

New Business: The Board reviewed the 2021 Town budget line item by line item and suggested changes for the tentative 2022 Town budget. A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the tentative 2022 Town budget as discussed. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sebens briefly discussed updating the line item for diesel fuel on the tentative 2022 Road and Bridge budget. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the tentative 2022 Road and Bridge budget as discussed. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Kevin Duff