

**Sangamon Township
Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

January 14, 2016

Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Ray Spencer. Roll call was taken. Elsie Robinson, Ray Spencer, John Foley, Bill Olson and Steve Harper were present.

Debbie Marshall-Clerk, Larry Sebens-Highway Commissioner and Brent Buckalew-Assessor were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

None

Minutes:

A motion to approve and accept the December 2015 minutes was made by Elsie Robinson, and seconded by Steve Harper. Motion passed unanimously.

Invoices:

A motion to approve invoices was made by Elsie Robinson and seconded by John Foley. With a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays, the motion to approve invoices passed.

Announcements/communications:

Larry reported that Piatt County Soil & Water Conservation has requested a \$100 donation to be used to offset the cost of the dumpster for their electronic recycling program. The idea will be revisited next month for a vote after being added to the February agenda.

John announced that he will be absent at the February meeting. Also, he has been contacted by Vic Zimmerman-Superintendent of Monticello schools- in regards to having a representative from the school district attend our February meeting and give a presentation on possible plans for the White Heath School building if the referendum passes in March.

Brent shared that the new year of assessments is beginning. Not much to report yet.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A motion to approve the 2016 regular monthly meeting dates was made by Bill Olsen and seconded by Steve Harper. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Larry Sebens, Highway Commissioner gave an update on future projects and planned expenditures.

The Highway Department probably won't be purchasing a new truck at this time. They have been using the old trucks to haul rock from Prairie Central Supply in Champaign. It's closer than Tuscola, where they used to haul from. This product is excellent grade reground concrete. It doesn't break down as quickly as rock from Tuscola.

The tin has blown off the old shed at the Highway Department property. There is rotting in the wood supports of the building and wood poles in the newer "good" building. Plans to update and enlarge the newer building are estimated to cost \$48,000. There will be an addition to the east side of the existing building and then demolish the old building which has lost the tin off the roof and has rotted wood supports.

John asked Larry to look ahead about 5 years for any expenditures that might present. Larry responded that oil & chip is costing more each year, so that cost will continue to rise. Our roads used to be on a 3 year rotation for oil & chip, but now it's an 11-12 year rotation. 80% of our township roads are oil & chip over gravel.

John mentioned the possibility of lowering our tax rate/levy if no extra expenditures are expected. But, Larry cautioned against reducing funds in the Permanent Road fund-Oil fund—since this is where the money comes from to pay for oil & chip. John asked about seeing a drop in oil costs due to a drop in crude oil prices—but it would only decrease about 8 cents.

John suggests reviewing the next audit and fund balances as soon as we receive it to determine if levies need to be adjusted for next year.

And...thank you to Larry and his staff for picking up and delivering our new table and chairs from Piatt County Nursing Home. They are remodeling and donated the used furniture to Sangamon Township.

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Harper and seconded by Elsie Robinson. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Marshall

Sangamon Township Clerk