

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Held at Sangamon Township Building, 1264 Old Rt 47 White Heath, Illinois
January 14, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll Call was taken. Present were Supervisor Piatt and present by internet were Trustees John Foley, Bill Blickhan, Bill Olson and Mike Nolan.

Also present were Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Guest Jennifer Mitchell, and Clerk Kevin Duff. Present remotely was Guest Bridget Frerichs.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Guests Jennifer Mitchell and Bridget Frerichs were welcomed.

Minutes: The minutes from December were discussed and a correction made to the estimated tax on the park ground that is leased for farming. Trustee Nolan made a motion seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the minutes as revised. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Invoices: The invoices were discussed. Supervisor Piatt's reimbursement was for printer ink. Attorney Rupiper's bill was for retainer services provided in 2020. Supervisor Piatt will clarify Highway Commissioner Sebens's HSA contribution for the remainder of this contract term (until June 2021). A General Assistance rent payment was made. A motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications: Clerk Duff noted that the Certification of the Ballot paperwork for the April 2021 election was filed Dec. 21, 2020. Supervisor Piatt, Highway Commissioner Sebens and Clerk Duff are unopposed. The Democrat nominations for trustees are Trustee Nolan, Bridget Frerichs, Darlene Hoffman and Jennifer Mitchell. The Republican nominations for Trustee are Trustees Foley, Blickhan and Olson. A lottery determined that Democratic nominations will be first on the ballot.

Highway Commissioner Sebens noted that the Township's 2010 Dodge truck has about 192k miles on it and has a loose front end. He intends to trade it in for another truck and pay the difference in the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Names and addresses for the State's Economic Interest forms have been sent as requested by County Clerk Harper.

A second Little Free Library Book box has been installed on Welsh Cobb Circle and is operating. Positive feedback on the program has been received.

The County's Health Department has been taking names for COVID vaccinations for residents 65 and older.

The Piatt County Journal Republican had a large advertisement for the fiber optic services being installed around the Township.

The communications received from First Mid Bank about changes in our account policies are standard notifications about how funds are available and how quickly deposits are made.

Cemetery Sexton Frannie Dick would like to wait until spring for a memorial tree for his wife.

Old Business: Assessor Denise Dees e mailed that she will have a report at the next meeting in February.

No blighted properties report was given.

The tax accounts in Kelly's Accounting reports look correct now. Supervisor Piatt will ask Kelly where EFTPS transactions are shown.

Supervisor Piatt is working on the draft budget worksheet and will send copies to compare to the YTD report. An account for the cemetery fund has been established for future expenses. Similar accounts will be established for the Town Fund for Economic Development Fund and a Capital Fund.

New Business: The Township's recycling program was discussed after a complaint by a resident that the bins are always full. Supervisor Piatt will ask Highway Commissioner Sebens about reinstalling the sign limiting recycling to Township residents, a possible partnership with Monticello Township for expanded services and possible donations to the program from Kirby.

A motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to renew the 3.5 acre farmland lease to Dan Morris at the same rate as last year. Trustee Blickhan will contact Mr. Morris.

Reestablishing a Township Land Planning Commission was briefly discussed. The point was made that Piatt County is small and planning concerns are able to be voiced directly to the County rather than to a Township committee especially since the Township committee would have no authority.

Trustee Foley was given thanks for again setting up the Zoom meeting on the internet.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Foley to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff