

**Sangamon Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**February 9, 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 Blickhan and Bill Olson

Also present were Residents Steve Harper, Cara Nightlinger, Erik Beckman and Ray Spencer and Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustees Kathleen Piatt and Tim King

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Harper spoke about the possible incorporation of White Heath and said that most people in White Heath are against incorporation because of the probable resulting increase in taxes for police and fire protection. Supervisor Nolan noted that the only reason there is an agenda item for the Regular Township meeting this month is because the County Board discussed at a recent meeting that wind farms are more difficult to get approved in incorporated areas. The County Board meeting minutes reflected a brief discussion that incorporation might be an alternative for White Heath. The Township Board is not proposing that White Heath incorporate. Supervisor Nolan hoped that someone who had attended the County Board meeting might report on the discussion at the County Board meeting. Mr. Beckman noted that the White Heath Water Company is at capacity now and if White Heath did incorporate, pressure to serve addition residents within the 1.5 mile incorporation radius is not possible without expansion of the Water Company.

**Minutes:** Trustee Olson made a motion seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the January minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**Communications:** Supervisor Nolan reported that a new state law went into effect in January 2023 that requires township boards to do an efficiency study once every 10 years. Supervisor Nolan will check with County Clerk Jennifer Harper for additional information.

**Old Business:** Assessor Steve Whitehouse was excused from this meeting and no assessor's report was given.

Supervisor Nolan reported that the Township now has a survey for the Camp Creek Cemetery and he will meet with the property owner about pursuing a quit-claim deed. Trustee Blickhan has information from the title company about the property that needs to be coordinated with the survey.

No comments were made about the financial reports.

Supervisor Nolan distributed a positive cash flow projection.

Trustee Blickhan talked to Aaron Brown of the White Heath Rec League about documenting the need for electrical work at the ball diamond. No additional report was given about the park.

Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Supervisor Nolan to talk with auditor Feller and Kuester about providing an audit for 2022 with the expense split between the Town and the Road and Bridge accounts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Nolan read a letter from property owner Terry Harshbarger about the state of his property in Hickory Hill and his attempts to clean up the property. Supervisor Nolan submitted a draft letter in response from the Board. The Board suggested some minor revisions. Clerk Duff will send the revised letter.

Supervisor Nolan has had a discussion with Mark Mitchell, the contractor providing cleaning services for the Township Building, about possible pest management. Trustee Blickhan suggested another contractor for pest control as an alternative.

Trustee Blickhan reported that Dan Morris has agreed to a new lease for about 3 acres of the Township's land at the park and will give Trustee Blickhan the signed lease. Supervisor Nolan will also sign the lease.

Supervisor Nolan reported that the City of Monticello has the same requirements for setbacks for stand alone solar panels as buildings on city lots.

Tentative budgets for the Town and for the Road and Bridge have been posted.

An advertisement for mowing services for the Townships has been placed in the Piatt County Republican Journal on February 8, 2023. Bids are due on March 2, 2023.

Discussion of long term planning for the Township was deferred until the next meeting.

**New Business:** The insurance policy with TOIRMA for the Township properties was discussed. The policy is due for renewal. Increases were suggested to reflect replacement cost: lights, fence, and backstop at \$120k; pavilion \$15k; scoreboard \$6k and storage shed \$3k.

(The discussion about incorporating was summarized in the public comments.)

An annual report for the Road Commission is required. The report will be drafted based on the values listed in the insurance report.

The Board noted that backup is needed for whatever computers are used for Township business. Supervisor Nolan noted that printouts of Township documents are filed and are also on the Township's website. The Township's printer is needed to be replaced.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Supervisor Nolan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk Duff