

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

February 10, 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 Mike Nolan, Bill Blickhan and Bill Olson.

Also present were Assessor Scott Whitehouse and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustee John Foley.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: *None*

Minutes: *A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the January 2022 minutes as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.*

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

Communications: *Clerk Duff reported that the Township now has an updated website created by Sally Nolan and thanked Ms. Nolan for the excellent work.*

Old Business: *Assessor Whitehouse reported that 30 properties with 2021 building permits were filed. There are 21 properties not yet completed with 2021 building permits. He also walked the Board through the on line system for Property Record Cards available for every resident. Anyone can access the information. The question was asked if information about the total assessed values for the Township and how the total has changed is available. Assessor Whitehouse replied that the information is available from the County Assessor's office and he will provide to the Board. The Board did not think Assessor Whitehouse needed to attend every monthly meeting but would appreciate a written report as the Assessor deemed appropriate.*

The Board again expressed appreciation for the financial reports generated monthly from Kelly's Accounting. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve Supervisor Piatt signing up for on line banking for the Township accounts with read only privilege given to Kelly's Accounting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The point was made that transactions can still be made in person by supervisor Piatt and do not have to be made on line.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the farm land lease for 3.5 acres of park land for 2022 to Dan Morris at \$200/acre. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to allocate no more than \$2,000 to be spent for trees to be planted by volunteers in the park this spring. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The report by Trustee Foley about purchasing 3 solar lights for the parking area at the park was deferred to the March meeting when Trustee Foley is present.

Discussion about expanding the Township's recycling capacity with Knight Environmental was deferred to the March meeting. Trustee Blickhan reported that a larger dumpster (30 yards) could be purchased to \$20,000 each. Two dumpsters would be needed unless the vendor charges to return the dumpster immediately after emptying. Currently, two dumpsters are available so a dumpster is always present and the vendor can drop one off and pick one up without requiring a round trip. The point was made that there is no market for plastics and perhaps that space should be reassigned for additional paper and cardboard. Trustee Nolan will check what other recyclers do with plastics and report in March.

The sale of the partially demolished house owned by Dennis Reed in White Heath had not been finalized yet.

The tentative Town budget and tentative Road and Bridge budget have been posted as required. The Board will vote on the budgets at the regular Township meeting in March. A few possible changes were discussed for the Town budget.

Supervisor Piatt reported that the auditor used last year, Feller and Kuester, is available to do the audit this year.

The agenda for the Annual Town Meeting on April 12, 2022 will be considered at the regular Township meeting in March. Supervisor Piatt reported that Trailblazers do want to request a temporary liquor license for the Rodeo this summer. The Board suggested that Trailblazers submit a petition with 15 signatures of Township Registered Voters by March 1, 2022 to Clerk Duff as required to have an item added to the Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

Supervisor Piatt has not received a bill yet for annual dues for the Township Officials Association.

Trustee Nolan distributed a spreadsheet for projected Township cash flow that he created.

New Business

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

*Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff*