

**Sangamon Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**March 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 Kathleen Piatt, Bill Blickhan and Tim King.

Also present were guests Thomas Scott, Jr. and Larry Huffman, Assessor Scott Whitehouse, Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustee Bill Olson

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** none

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

**Invoices:** a motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. A question was raised if Attorney Rupiper has billed separately for services that should be covered with the retainer contract. Clerk Duff will check recent past invoices.

**Communications:** Supervisor Nolan noted that the railroad water tower that used to be near Shady Rest Road was featured in the Piatt County Historical Society Quarterly publication.

Steve Harper turned in funds of \$70 from golf cart licenses.

TOIRMA sent updated insurance values for the Township's assets that better reflect current replacement values. The letter was shared with the Board at the meeting.

The State passed a law requiring the Townships to do an efficiency study every 10 years. Three meetings are required with one before June 10. An agenda item will be included in April to discuss committee members and a schedule.

The State has passed a law allowing the State to consider wind farm applications and override local denials. The Piatt County Board currently is considering an application.

The Township should designate a Freedom of Information Officer

**Old Business:** Assessor Whitehouse reminded the Board that the County is requiring local assessors to photograph and electronically file every property in the townships within the next 4 years. Assessor Whitehouse has completed the Mansfield, Deland and Cisco areas as well as the Kirby area and is now working in the rural areas. He will be working in the area north of I-72 and north of route 10 next week.

**New Business:** the mowing bids received on March 2 by two bidders: Huffman Lawn Care and Ben's Lawn Service. Since a volunteer will continue to mow area 2 around the Park's parking area, the Board did not consider the bids for that area. (The advertisement noted that

some areas may be excluded.) Ben's Lawn Service had no apparent bid for the spraying of each area with a nonselective herbicide. A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to accept the bid from Huffman Lawn Care minus the area around the Park's parking area. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee King read the Resolution for the Town Budget and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nolan. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Blickhan read the Resolution for the Road and Bridge Budget and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Trustee Piatt. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting on April 11. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

An agenda item for April will be included to review the required annual Road Commissioner's report that will be based on the TOIRMA documents and the annual Treasurer's report.

The annual Treasurer's report was shared with the Board at the meeting.

Supervisor Nolan reported that a report was sent to IMRF.

**Old Business:** Attorney Rupiper sent a quit claim deed to the owner's attorney for the Camp Creek Cemetery.

A Township resident's request for the County to consider a request for ground mounted solar panels within the subdivision's green space lot setbacks was not considered for a vote. The County Zoning Board had approved the request and referred to the County Board. Supervisor Nolan met with County Zoning Board member Lloyd Wax to discuss possible new County regulations for ground mounted solar panels. Any ideas from the Board are welcome.

No comments were made on Kelly's financial reports.

Supervisor Nolan distributed copies of the projected positive cash flow.

As discussed at the February meeting, an audit for 2022 will be made.

Trustee Blickhan reported that Aaron Brown of the White Heath Rec League is still working on the Board's request for estimates to update the electrical service and existing ball diamond lights. If the lights are updated to LED, the electrical service may be ok as is since LED use much less power than the existing lights. The repair of a broken drainage tile was briefly discussed with Highway Commissioner Sebens.

Abandoned properties were not discussed.

The lease for the farm land in the Park was executed.

Building Maintenance and Pest Control were briefly discussed. Highway Commissioner Sebens noted that the Township Shed has a mouse problem.

The Township's website had 200 hits last month.

Long term planning was deferred to next month.

A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:38.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk Duff