

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

March 11, 2021

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 Bill Blickhan, Bill Olson, John Foley, and Mike Nolan.

Also present were Guest Jennifer Mitchell, Guest Aaron Brown, Clerk Kevin Duff, and Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Foley to approve the February minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Communications: The director of the Allerton Library called Supervisor Piatt about possible options to facilitate township residents joining the library. Supervisor Piatt recommended that the Board form a committee if the Board wants to consider future options. At this time, the Board does not wish to pursue an agreement with the library.

TOIRMA notified us to expect a 5% increase in the Township's insurance next year. Next year's budget covers that increase.

Trustee Nolan distributed detailed spreadsheets that he compiled from past audits and financial reports to begin to address the question why the Township has paid the Road Commissioner's salary in the past but is struggling to pay now. The data suggests that salary and insurance expenses for the Commissioner has outpaced that rate of levy increases.

Old Business: Mr. Brown from the White Heath Rec League asked the Board about the requirements in the ball diamond lease for the League to insure the building structures. The Township insures the structures so the League may not need to also insure them. Aaron will send a copy of the League's insurance to Supervisor Piatt to forward to TOIRMA to compare with the Township's insurance. The League currently has 140 players scheduled for this summer. Typically, there are 180 players. The League hopes to mow the future ball diamond area this year. A donor to grade that area for the future ball diamond is still being sought. The current configuration favored by the League for the future ball diamond has home plate in the NE corner of the site, similar to the existing diamond. Mr. Brown will let the Board know what the final recommendation is so the Board may review. Practices start the first of April with games starting May 9. The schedule will be posted on the League's website.

The Board discussed Kelly's Accounting reports. Supervisor Piatt distributed the bank account statements. Supervisor Piatt will talk to Kelly about reflecting payroll taxes and IMRF expenses on the profit and loss statements. Supervisor Piatt will check with Kelly to make sure all expenses (salary, insurance and taxes withheld) for Road Employees are paid from the Road and Bridge accounts. Supervisor Piatt will ask Kelly to reimburse the Town account from the

Road and Bridge account for any incorrect transactions to date. A **motion** was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Nolan that the road crew's salary and all expenses shall always be paid from the Road and Bridge accounts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. A **motion** was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to pay for the Road Commissioner's salary, insurance, and taxes in the first and third quarters from Road and Bridge account and to pay for the Road Commissioner's salary, insurance and taxes in the second and fourth quarters from the Town Account. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Assessor Denise Dees has e mailed an update to the Board.

Trustee Foley read the Town Budget Resolution for 2021 and made a **motion** to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Olson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Blickhan read the Road and Bridge Budget Resolution for 2021 and made a **motion** to approve the budget. Trustee Foley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Piatt heard from Mike Schroeder from the Health Department that he will follow up with trash being piled up at a Township residence when time allows. He is currently dealing with COVID 19 vaccination scheduling. For immediate action, Mr. Schroeder recommends that State's Attorney Sarah Perry be contacted. Discussion was tabled and will be discussed at a later meeting.

New Business: Trustee Nolan made a **motion** seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting on April 13, 2021. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Olson made a **motion** seconded by Trustee Foley to renew the Township's insurance with TOIRMA. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Nolan made a **motion** seconded by Trustee Foley to approve the mowing bid for 2021 through 2022 from Harrington Earthworks. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A discussion about the Compilation Report from 2019 will be discussed at the April meeting. The Board believes that audit or compilation reports should be verified every year with the Township's bank statements.

Trustee Nolan made a **motion** seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff