

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

March 12, 2020

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 Trustees Mike Nolan, Bill Olsen and Bill Blickhan.

Also present were guests Thomas Scott, Jr., Mark Sieja, Clerk Kevin Duff, and Assessor Denise Dees.

Absent: Trustee John Foley.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Mr. Sieja noted that the draft budgets had not been posted on the Township website. In the future, draft budgets will be posted on the website and the final budgets will be posted.

Mr. Sieja reminded Clerk Duff to look for the letter that was sent to a township resident about 4 years ago citing the Township ordinance regulating abandoned vehicles. Clerk Duff will look for that letter.

Mr. Thomas thought if the records go back far enough, the records when the Township acquired the existing railroad right of way would be interesting to read.

Minutes:

Trustee Nolan made a motion seconded by Trustee Olsen to approve the February minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Invoices:

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the invoices subject to Supervisor Piatt verifying the Ameren bills with Highway Commissioner Sebens and with the addition of approving the water bill of \$42.00 that arrived today. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Communications:

Supervisor Piatt reported that recent training in general assistance was good.

First State Bank notified us that the CD rate was now 1% for the two 6 month Township accounts approved in February to be opened.

Supervisor Piatt is still working on salary comparisons for township officials. In Willow Branch, the sexton is paid \$20/hour, the Road Commissioner is paid a salary of \$59k including insurance and the Supervisor is paid \$7k.

Another service call was made on the furnace in the township building. Loose wires were repaired. When the furnace needs to be replaced, the township should consider using individual room baseboard heaters instead.

Supervisor Piatt met with Heidi Apperson from Kirby Hospital about doing a joint Share Fair event on April 30. Given the Coronavirus situation, a letter might be an alternative to an event.

Dan Morris paid the rent for the farm ground as agreed.

Aaron Brown from the White Heath Rec League was unable to attend this meeting but will attend the April Township meeting. Trustee Nolan will remind Mr. Brown that the Rec League should bring certification of good standing with the State and proof of insurance with a minimum liability of \$1m to renew their lease with the Township.

Supervisor Piatt is planning on attending a workshop in Springfield costing \$75 for registration on what laws are being introduced that will affect townships. Supervisor Piatt will not ask for reimbursement for mileage.

Old Business:

Assessor Dees confirmed that the new assessment system purchased by the County will not be available for the Township for another year or so. The initial fee of \$670 for the Township and the annual fee will not be required until the new system is available.

No cemetery report was given but the Committee will meet in May. The owners of the Camp Creek Cemetery need to be contacted to deed the cemetery to the Township.

Several small deposits were made that are not yet shown on the financial reports from Kelly's Accounting. The format of the report is good.

Clerk Duff will check to see when the Board must vote on changes to Township official's salaries.

After reading the resolution for the Town Budget, Trustee Nolan made a motion seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the resolution with the 2020 salary changes. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Olsen to approve the Town budget with the 2020 salary changes. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously.

After reading the resolution for the Road and Bridge Budget, Trustee Olsen made a motion and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the resolution with the 2020 salary changes. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the Road and Bridge Budget with the 2020 salary changes. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Resolutions and budgets were signed by the Trustee making the motions, Supervisor Piatt and Clerk Duff.

State's Attorney Dana Rhoades determined that the Township's 1989 ordinance for abandoned vehicles was no longer valid since the State Statute referenced in the ordinance has been changed.

A brief discussion was had about reinstating the Township's Land Use Committee with the idea of complying with the County's rule that townships must review County land use approvals if the township has a land use committee.

New Business:

No new business. No further actions are needed by the Board for the purchase of 2 CDs.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Kevin Duff