

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

March 14, 2024

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 Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Assessor Steve Whitehouse, Cemetery Sexton Frannie Dick and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustees Kathleen Piatt and Tim King

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Assessor Whitehouse reported that new building permits appear to be slowing down a little from the last few years.

Old Business: The Cemetery Guidelines were reviewed and revised. A motion was made by Supervisor Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the revised guidelines. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The revised guidelines will be posted on the Township's website and copies of the guidelines will be given to Sexton Dick. Sexton Dick reported that two lots have been sold at the Ingram Cemetery.

Minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Nolan and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve last month's meeting minutes. 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: Supervisor Nolan attended a grant writing seminar and reported if the road equipment budget item is maxed out and increased as required with a truth in taxation meeting, the Township can apply for a grant for additional funds for road equipment.

Heartland Pathways held a meeting to start improving the trail from Lodge Park east.

Supervisor Nolan reported that the Township's website had 141 hits last month.

Supervisor Nolan is working on a back up system for the Township's computer.

New Business: Clerk Duff read the Township Budget Resolution. A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the resolution and budget for the Township. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Duff read the Road and Bridge Budget Resolution. Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the Road and Bridge resolution and budget. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Last year's Annual Town Meeting agenda was reviewed to develop this year's agenda for the meeting on April 9, 2024. Road Commissioner Sebens recommended "and equipment" be added to item 7 about providing for the sale and purchase of Township property. A motion was made by Supervisor Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

TOIRMA refunds were received and reported.

Supervisor Nolan distributed interest statements for 2023. He will have the Annual Treasurer's report for the annual meeting.

A letter has been received from Rick Pontious about land adjacent to the Township's park that he is interested in selling as well as an existing irrigation well that he would be interested in ownership assumed by the Township. The Board discussed the well and appreciated the offer but declined to pursue further. The Board talked about discussing with Mr. Pontious about the Township possibly trading 3 acres of the existing Park property for 2 acres of land in an "L" shape around the new ball diamond owned by Mr. Pontious. Trustee Blickhan will pursue.

Old Business: Supervisor Nolan reported that IMRF has all new procedures and log ins. The IMRF audit for Commissioner Sebens is still in progress. A report for the IMRF investment return for the last 3 years is available.

Supervisor Nolan reported that the Township and Road and Bridge accounts have received replacement tax funds.

IDNR sent a letter confirming that the Township has received a grant for \$45k and they will send a contract in 4 weeks. The grant will be applied to expenses for new lights at the existing ball diamond and earthwork at the new ball diamond.

Aaron Brown from the White Heath Rec League met with Supervisor Nolan and Trustee Blickhan and reported that he is looking at different companies for replacing the lights at the existing ball diamond and hopes one of the companies will also install the lights. How to light the parking lot adjacent to the existing ball diamond is still being discussed. Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Supervisor Nolan to spend up to \$10k to provide required updates to the electrical service panel at the existing ball diamond. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The Illinois fund update statements were provided to the Board by Supervisor Nolan.

Trustee Blickhan provided a signed farm lease and rent check to Supervisor Nolan from Mr. Dan Morris.

Supervisor Nolan distributed a positive cash flow projection.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff