

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

May 9, 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, Tim King, and Kathleen Piatt.

Also present were resident Sean Stevens, Thomas Scott, Jr., Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Cemetery Sexton Frannie Dick, and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustee Bill Olson

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Sexton Dick reported for the last month the number of grave plots sold, the number of burials, the number of graves marked for a foundation, the need for 2 tree removals at Mackey Cemetery, and 5 trees that have been donated and planted.

Mr. Stevens reported that while Commissioner Sebens has regraded the drainage ditch at his property on Sandra Lane as discussed at the last Township meeting, the grade remains high at one of the culverts preventing water from draining. The Board explained that the Highway Commissioner has full authority with road issues. Commissioner Sebens gave Mr. Stevens the phone number for the County Engineer.

New Business: Kelly's Accounting is reconciling funds spent on IMRF and taxes and will update the financial reports accordingly.

A summary of funds transferred this month in the Township's Illinois Fund was distributed.

The memorandum of purchase for the Township's property acquisition from Rick Pontious was shared with the Board. Supervisor Nolan has also shared the memorandum with the Township's attorney, Amy Rupiper. The land to be purchased by the Township as surveyed is 10.15 acres. The Township will compensate the tenant farmer, Dan Morris, for the crop lost in the 50 foot strip of land south and west that the Township will use to develop the new ball diamond. A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Piatt to approve the memorandum of agreement and giving Supervisor Nolan the authority to sign. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Funding options for the land purchase were discussed using financial reports from Kelly's Accounting and Supervisor Nolan's cash flow projections. A breakdown of expected expenses was reviewed including the cost for improvements to be made at the existing ball diamond and work to be done at the new ball diamond. Supervisor Nolan also projected some possible expenses that may be incurred by the Township. A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to borrow \$50k for 5 years from the local bank offering the best terms including no penalty for early payment to apply to the purchase of additional park land and improvements to be made to the ball diamonds. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The financial reports from Kelly's Accounting were distributed.

Trustee Piatt reported at the last County Board meeting, the County reported that no funds have been set aside to the demolition of abandoned properties. Trustee Piatt told the County Board that the Township is interested in partnering with the County to fund demolitions.

Minutes: Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Kathleen Piatt to approve last month's regular Township meeting minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Special Meeting Minutes: Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Trustee Piatt to approve the special township meeting minutes from April 24, 2024 as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Communications: IMRF has given the Township a credit for funds paid incorrectly to road employee Doug Whitehouse. Kelly's Accounting will record the payment accordingly.

Highway Commissioner reported that he has sold 2 trucks.

CIMS contract has been renewed.

Supervisor Nolan has given the Auditor the material needed for the 2023 audit.

Final paperwork for the Camp Creek land gift to the Township is still pending.

Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Trustee King to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff