

**Sangamon Township
Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

May 10,, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll call was taken. Kathleen Piatt, Mike Nolan, John Foley and Bill Olson were present. Steve Harper was absent.

Debbie Marshall-Clerk and Larry Sebens-Highway Commissioner were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

None

Minutes:

The April minutes were read aloud by Clerk Marshall. A motion to approve and accept the regular monthly April minutes was made by Mike Nolan and seconded by John Foley. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Invoices:

A motion to approve invoices was made by John Foley and seconded by Bill Olson. With a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the motion to approve invoices passed.

*Note that an error in the invoice from Knight Environmental was discovered. We were charged two times for the bin used at our Township Cleanup day.

Announcements/communications:

Kathleen attended the Sangamon Township Cemetery Board meeting on May 3rd. She also received a Thank you from Services for Seniors for our donation. Piatt County Transportation sent a receipt for our donation. Duane Cox contacted Kathleen by email with a request to move communication equipment from private property to Township property. Kathleen will ask him for more information concerning the request. The Assessor contract is signed and filed.

Larry reported that we collected \$362 in cash donations for Township Cleanup days. After recycling the steel, we earned \$338.90. Our dumpster cost was \$1060.

Presentation by Township Cemetery Sexton, Frannie Dick:

Frannie Dick began his position as Sexton and Cemetery Caretaker in 1991. He narrated a slideshow of each cemetery and spoke about what maintenance had been done –or was needed at each place. We have ten cemeteries now, and there used to be eleven. The ten cemeteries are as listed:

1. Buck's Pond
2. Mosgrove
3. Camp Creek
4. Mackey
5. Stewart
6. Boyer(Three Sisters)
7. Ingram
8. Ross Hughes
9. Madden
10. Argo

Mike and Kathleen have taken a tour of the cemeteries with Frannie as guide. In 2007 Frannie started making out deeds for cemetery plots. Three copies exist of each deed. Frannie is training his grandson, Tim Dick, with information to carry on the work required to plot graves. Mike would like to implement a computer program to identify graves.

Old Business:

The current financial report was shared with the Board. Balances are low awaiting distribution from Real Estate taxes.

The Sangamon Neighbors' Share Fair cost the Township \$440. Many people took advantage of the free glucose and blood pressure tests.

Kathleen met with Amy Rupiper and Justin Weidner (representative of White Heath rec league) to discuss the updated Ball Diamond lease. The White Heath league has 12 teams-6 girls' and 6 boys' teams using the diamond. There is also a Monticello Youth Travel team. John asked if security cameras are needed at the site. Justin replied that would be a good idea. The rec league will begin researching cameras and possibly motion detector lights. The Township would vote to pay for the cameras and the league installs them. Justin asked about the weed control for the diamond area. He will contact Marc Mitchell to apply what is needed. The new revised contract for 1 year's lease at \$1.00 per year was signed by Kathleen and Justin. Mike received a bid of \$1460 for two new bathroom doors and one concession stand door. This was a price with no installation-the rec league would install. Bill wondered about the cost for an installer to come and put them in. Mike will get that number. We will revisit the subject at the June meeting. Kathleen

and the T.O.I.R.M.A. Inspector walked the ball diamond and park area. Kathleen asked the Board about the electrical box at the diamond as it was unlocked. Inspector said it should be padlocked. Larry said that the main lever and box is locked and the other boxes are left unlocked. This allows electrical power to the concession stand to keep refrigeration.

New Business:

A motion to amend the Road and Bridge budget was made by Kathleen Piatt and seconded by John Foley. All were in favor. The amounts appropriated in the budget did not change. The wording in the original budget said “real property” and now reads “property”. This covers land or equipment. Larry needs to purchase a new piece of equipment.

Kathleen will adopt a new General Assistance policy manual. She reported that anyone can apply for G.A. and emergency assistance at the same time. There were two applicants in 2017 and one so far in 2018.

A motion to go into closed session to discuss a legal matter was made by Mike Nolan and seconded by John Foley. All were in favor and the group moved to closed session at 9:00 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathleen Piatt and seconded by Mike Nolan. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Marshall

Sangamon Township Clerk