

**Sangamon Township
Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

May 12, 2016

Minutes

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

Debbie Marshall-Clerk, Larry Sebens-Highway Commissioner and Brent Buckalew-Assessor were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Marc Mitchell/Turf Care Plus, who is our current custodian and holds the mowing contract, spoke. He explained that the White Heath ball diamond grass field has been killed. He asked Mike Neef (Rec league Director) about the spray used to kill weeds on the field. Mike said that a Rec League parent sprayed for weeds. Marc believes that there was probably a residue of Roundup in the tank that the weed killer was added to. So, the grass will be gone this summer. Reseeding will take place this fall. Steve suggested contacting Mike Neef and asking him to attend our June monthly meeting to discuss repairs to the field. Marc will put together an estimate for the cost to reseed the grass. Also, the addition to the June agenda will include discussion of continuing to pay Marc-Turf Care Plus for mowing the ball diamond(even though the grass will be mostly dead) since he is a contracted service.

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A motion to approve and accept the regular monthly April 2016 minutes was made by John Foley, and seconded by Steve Harper. Motion passed unanimously.

Invoices:

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

Announcements/communications:

Ray presented information from USDA Rural Development regarding their loan program. The rate to borrow is 2.875%

Brent reported that assessments are underway and that there are a few more new homes than he realized. There are not too many building permits issued yet this year.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A motion to approve a Friday at 5 P.M. cut off time prior to the 2nd Thursday of the Month for claim filing was made by Ray Spencer. Steve Harper seconded the motion. With no discussion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

For a recycling update, Larry reported that the old shed north of the dumpster will be torn down this summer. The recycling information and sign is currently attached to that shed. Steve recommended that we end the recycling program. People are abusing the service and he has witnessed many trash bags (not recycling) being dumped at the site. One thought is construction of a fence in place of the shed to block the wind from blowing the loose trash. John was hesitant about stopping the service. He said that it's been a popular service for our Township residents, and if we don't provide it, there might be dumping in rural areas. It is difficult to police the usage, and it seems like non-residents are using the bins.

At 7:25 P.M., Steve Harper made a motion to go into closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter. John Foley seconded the motion. All were in favor. At 7:40 P.M., the Township Board ended the closed meeting and reconvened in open session. Ray stated that he has been requested by the Township Board to consult our auditor-Curt D. Liles C.P.A. with Kemper CPA Group-regarding a personnel issue and report back at next month's meeting.

Steve Harper made a motion to adjourn and Bill Olson seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Marshall

Sangamon Township Clerk