

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

May 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll Call was taken. Present were Supervisor Piatt and trustees Bill Blickhan and Mike Nolan

Also present were Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Cemetery Sexton Frannie Dick and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustees Bill Olson and John Foley.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Trustee Nolan made a motion seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the April minutes as corrected. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: Trustee Nolan made a motion seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Highway Commissioner Sebens clarified that the invoice from Hislope Excavating was related to repairs made to drain tile in White Heath.

Communications: The Sangamon Day Celebration Committee has been meeting. Trustee Nolan attended the last meeting. The event has been set for September 10, 2022. The White Heath Community Club and the Township's policy for the Park/Ball Diamond will cover insurance requirements for the event. A parade is being planned. Each subcommittee will have a chair. Thomas Scott, Jr. also attended the last meeting and talked about having a side car on the railroad tracks available; he is not sure yet about a train. Two food trucks will be at the event and there will be free music.

The County Board approved a temporary liquor license for the Trailblazers for the rodeo this year. The Trailblazers will have to apply for a temporary license each year. The Township Board has approved applications being made up to the year 2024.

Commissioner Sebens noted that he is considering trading a large existing back hoe for a more versatile small back hoe. The two existing salt trucks are in bad repair and one may need to be replaced. Road repair is to be made southwest of Lodge

Old Business: Sexton Dick gave updates for the cemeteries. Costs were reviewed with grave lots (paid to the Township) for residents being \$350, deeds (paid to the Township) being \$50, grave digging (contracted to Hislope) being \$550 and finishing (paid to the Township) being \$200. Cremations require a plot to be purchased; scattering ashes is illegal. A discussion occurred about perhaps amending the plot deed to require markers. (Our cemetery records who is buried where even without a marker.) A cost could perhaps be included for the Township to pay for a basic marker (\$350) refunded if the family provides a marker. Sexton Dick did some marker repair with his bill submitted this month. A motion was made by Supervisor Piatt and seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve up to \$1200 for tree trimming at Ingram and

Mackey Cemeteries to vendor Clean Green. The Board prefers to employ vendors in the Township when possible but made an exception in this case since Clean Green will be in the area next week. The cemetery equipment is good for now and Sexton Dick will give the Board notice when new equipment is needed. A motion was made by Supervisor Piatt and seconded by Trustee Nolan to authorize Trustee Blickhan to arrange a title search for Camp Creek Cemetery for a cost not to exceed \$250. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Assessor Scott Whitehouse sent an e mail reporting that he has completed assessment work to be on track for 2021 taxes with several assessment to be completed as projects are completed.

Supervisor Piatt will ask Kelly why when assets increased and liabilities decreased net income went down.

Trustee Nolan distributed a cash flow projection that is positive.

No report was made for recycling.

No report was made for the audit.

Dennis Reed spoke with Supervisor Piatt about proceeding to tear down his partially demolished house in White Heath. Supervisor Piatt will approach property owner Becky Norman about her abandoned property in White Heath.

Trustee Nolan and Clerk Duff planted 20 arborvitae trees in the park. Trustee Nolan noted that a tile must be broken where the drive enters the parking area since there is standing water there. Aaron Brown from the White Heath Rec League will check with the vendor who has repaired tile in the ball diamond about possible repair.

Supervisor Piatt is still working on read only privileges for the Township bank accounts for Accountant Kelly Finet. The paperwork competed was incorrect.

New Business: Trustee Blickhan will review the ball diamond lease to see if updates are needed.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff