

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

June 9, 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 John Foley and Bill Blickhan.

Also present was Clerk Kevin Duff, by Zoom (due to COVID)

Absent: Trustees Mike Nolan and Bill Olson.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the May Minutes by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Blickhan with the correction of \$250 being the maximum amount to spend on the title search instead of \$200. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: Discussion about the bill for mowing the ball diamond occurred. The contractor mowed the diamond 9 times in May. The Board deferred any action on this concern until next year when the current mowing contract expires. A reimbursement request for mulch at the Park and an invoice from True Green for tree trimming at the cemeteries was included in the invoices; if approved, checks will be written next week with payroll checks. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Foley to approve the invoices as submitted. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications: A letter from government forecasting was received. Supervisor Piatt will respond that the Township has no catastrophic claims at this time.

TOIRMA has paid the insurance claim of \$1553 for fixing damage to the Township's Ford F150 truck.

Knights Environmental has raised the price of trash services from \$68 to \$115/month.

Township Officials of Illinois will have an educational event July 28 in Bloomington. Trustees should please let Supervisor Piatt know if they would like to attend with her.

The City of Monticello will hold a TIFF district annual meeting at 1:00 June 15, 2022. Supervisor Piatt will attend.

Notification of available state grants for safe streets has been received. Supervisor Piatt will follow up to see if the parking at the Park will qualify for assistance. Parking is still happening more on the streets than in the off street parking lot during ball games. Supervisor Piatt will talk to Aaron Brown about having announcements made at ball games to have cars moved that are parked on the street to the lot. If the diamond no longer has a PA system, the Township will consider providing a system.

The annual drinking water report has been received.

Supervisor Piatt has received an e mail from a citizen concerned about dangerous driving on North Rd. Supervisor Piatt will let Highway Commissioner Sebens know and possibly the County Sheriff; the point of concern may not be in Sangamon Township.

Final payment of over \$25k has been made this month for the Mack truck. Supervisor Piatt has moved \$50k of funds from the Road and Bridge MMDA account to the NOW account.

Old Business: Assessor Scott Whitehouse reported assessments this month are the same as last with assessments current and some outstanding assessments waiting for project completion.

Trustee Blickhan reported that the title search for Camp Creek Cemetery has not discovered a deed for the Township and will forward what information has been found to Supervisor Piatt. The Township will look in their archives for information. No further action on the title search with the vendor will be pursued at this time.

The Township Celebration Committees continue to meet. The Board agreed that the Township cannot receive donations for the event; donations should perhaps go to the Committee Chair or designee. Perhaps the White Heath Community Club could receive donations. The Committee should follow up with Knight Environmental on providing/possibly donating a dumpster for the event.

Last month's question about Kelly's Financial report with a negative balance reported with a positive revenue stream was answered as reflecting a net balance of both Town and Road and Bridge accounts.

Trustee Nolan provided cash flow reports. The projection is in line with actual balances indicating the that the Township is able to now effectively manage funds.

Supervisor Piatt has forms from the auditor for Township Officials to sign.

The planting at the Park looks good.

The sign at the recycling dumpster is helping but may need to be moved to one entrance and another sign provided at the other entrance. Further discussion will happen at a later meeting.

Supervisor Piatt reported that the demolition at the abandoned Dennis Reed property is now completed. Mr. Reed is happy to provide the name of the vendor and cost to Supervisor Piatt. Another possible future vendor is Township resident Dillon Gallagher. Supervisor Piatt has talked with property owner Becky Norman about her neglected property and will share the information provided by Mr. Reed to her when received. The Board discussed again about being cautious to not offer to receive abandoned property without fully knowing the property's current environmental assessment.

Supervisor Piatt reported that Mid States Bank has corrected the paperwork to allow the Township on line banking with read only privileges for Kelly's Accounting. Having Kelly review these records provides a very good third party check and balance for the Township and may facilitate doing a compilation report next year instead of an audit.

New Business: A motion was made by Supervisor Piatt and seconded by Trustee Foley to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passes unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clerk Duff