

Sangamon Township
Regular Monthly Meeting

June 13, 2013

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. Elsie Robinson, Ray Spencer, John Foley, Bill Olson and Steve Harper were present.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public comment was given by Steve Long. He expressed his concerns regarding White Heath School. He is worried about the future plans of the Monticello School Board—and possible closure of the White Heath School. Strong representation from Sangamon Township is needed on the school board to aid in the support to keep White Heath School open. He is strongly considering running for a seat on the school board.

May 2013 minutes were read. Steve Harper made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, Elsie Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A motion by Elsie Robinson, seconded by Steve Harper approved payment of bills as presented. Motioned carried.

Supervisor's report:

Ray is planning to make reservations for “Boot Camp”—a training seminar sponsored by T.O.I, which will be held in Bloomington. Debbie, Elsie, Ray, John and Bill will attend the July 26th seminar.

Highway Commissioner's report:

Larry reported that they are mowing roadsides and intersections. T.O.I.R.M.A. suggests that they maintain 100-200 feet clearance at rural intersections. They mow 2 times per summer or as needed.

Assessor's report:

Brent shared that progress has been made in completing the 2013 assessments. There has been an approximate \$500,000 assessment increase in new properties. This .6% (point six percent) is the lowest increase since he has served as Township Assessor. There are a few new constructions currently in progress-- which should help for the next tax year.

A motion to approve the prevailing rate of wage ordinance for construction work was made by John Foley, and seconded by Steve Harper. The ordinance was read aloud by John Foley. After a roll call vote, the motion to approve passed with 5 ayes—0 nays.

John raised the question regarding general assistance & catastrophic insurance. Ray said that we have in place what T.O.I.R.M.A. recommends. Ray will review it though. Also, we just had a T.O.I.R.M.A. review in March 2013.

There was discussion of T.O.I.R.M.A. liability insurance for Brent. Brent is serving as an independent contractor in the Township Assessor position. He wonders if T.O.I.R.M.A. is willing to change any wording in their contract. Most of the concern is with T.O.I.R.M.A.'s definition of "duties". Ray will contact Beth at T.O.I.R.M.A. to inquire about any features of the contract that can be altered.

A review of the Assessor's contract should begin in October to be ready for the next Assessor—who would begin a new 4 year term in January 2014.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Olson and seconded by Elsie Robinson. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Marshall

Sangamon Township Clerk