

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

July 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll Call was taken. Present were Trustees Bill Olson, Bill Blickhan, and John Foley.

Also present were visitors Thomas Scott, Sr, Loyd Wax, Randy Smith, Robert and Theresa Feller, Kim and Jeff Barr, Clerk Kevin Duff, and Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens.

Absent: Trustee Mike Nolan

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Mr. Scott referenced windmills being considered in the township and noted that windmills can chop up digital television reception.

In response to questions about the possible location of windmills, the Board replied that the exact locations are not known at this time but two companies are looking at the possibilities. One company is located in the Professional Building in Monticello and the other has an office in Mansfield. The Board stated that approval authority for windmills resides with the County and not the Township. Supervisor Piatt will let the Fellers know when the County Board will consider the question.

Minutes:

A motion to approve the regular minutes for June as amended was made by Supervisor Piatt and seconded by Trustee Foley. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes for the June informational was made by Trustee Olsen and seconded by Trustee Foley. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Invoices:

A motion to approve the invoices was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Foley. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Communications:

In response to a request from the Board to Piatt County State Attorney Dana Rhoades asking for a copy of a standard letter sent to property owners after complaints have been made about the property being neglected, Attorney Rhoades replied that a Freedom of Information Act request has to be made to receive that information. Attorney Rhoades and Mike Schroeder from the Piatt County Health Department are expected to attend the Township's regular meeting in August to report the status of complaints made about negligent properties in the Township.

The Township has had no input at this point about the complaints filed although the Township expected the County to send a list for the Township to consider endorsing. The Township's next step is to find out what properties have been submitted to the County. The Board discussed again the possibility of the Township sharing clean up costs with property owners although the Township does not currently have funds available. The Board agreed that the Board should be involved with efforts to clean up abandoned/unsafe properties. Trustee Foley will investigate the County's procedure further, talk to Attorney Amy Rupiper about what authority the Township might have and report back to the Board.

Because the Township owns adjacent property, the County Zoning Board sent a letter notifying us that Christina Pontious has requested a zoning change to B-1. The Zoning Board will consider the request at their meeting on July 25, 2019 at 1:00. Trustee Blickhan will attend. If approved at the zoning meeting, the County Board will consider at their meeting August 14, 2019. Supervisor Piatt will attend that meeting.

In regards to an informational meeting about possible wind farms at the County Extension Office, the Township will not pursue a meeting and will completely defer to the Extension Office since the Township has no review authority.

Old Business:

An Assessor's report will be made at the August 8, 2019 regular meeting.

No Cemetery report was made.

The format for the financial reports for Kelly's Accounting was well received. Supervisor Piatt transferred funds from the Now Accounts to the Township Funds to have money to pay the bills for June and July.

The Auditors sent a short list of needed items. A report from the auditors is expected at the regular August meeting.

No report was made about the Ball Diamond.

The land purchase contract for the Park Project may have to be extended due to pending approvals by the County Board. Realtor Kyle Koester will be contacted to ask for permission for the Township to mow the site and a possible extension of the purchase contract.

New Business:

The potential wind farm informational meeting was discussed under communications.

At 9:15 pm in accordance with the Open Meeting Act 5 ILCS 120/2 C5, a motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Foley to go into closed session to review the minutes of previous closed sessions. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

A voice vote was taken and passed to resume the regular meeting at 9:32 pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Olsen and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to keep the closed meeting minutes closed. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the regular meeting. A voice vote was taken and unanimously passed. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Duff, Clerk