

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

July 14, 2022

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 Supervisor Piatt and Trustees Mike Nolan, Bill Olson and Bill Blickhan.

Also present were Thomas Scott, Jr., Cemetery Sexton Francis Dick, Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Assessor Scott Whitehouse and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustee John Foley

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Piatt and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the June minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: Supervisor Piatt requested that the bimonthly water bill that arrived late be included in consideration with this month's invoices. A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the invoices as noted. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications: Supervisor Piatt reported that the TIFF district in Walden Pond will expire in 2030 and is unlikely to be renewed based on the discussion at a recent meeting in Monticello.

The population in Sangamon Township increased by 100 in 2020.

The Township received the first tax funds and they have been deposited in the Town and Road and Bridge Accounts. Both account balances are in good shape.

Notice was received that the Permanent Road and Bridge MMDA account is inactive. Supervisor Piatt will transfer some funds to correct.

A certificate of insurance coverage for the Township has been received from TOIRMA.

Memberships for Board members in the Township Officials of Illinois have been renewed.

An education event for township officials will be held in July.

Supervisor Piatt will attend a Monticello focus group to discuss cooperation in the future of local government agencies.

Knights Recycling sent a letter giving notice that the Township's recycling services will be terminated on July 15, 2022. A notice has been posted on the Township's website and two temporary signs will be placed on site. The recycling sign will be removed. Future options for recycling will be investigated and considered by the Board.

Old Business: Assessor Whitehouse distributed a report of permits being issued in the County during the last 3 months. Sangamon Township is shown under item #06 as having permits for a new single family home, a residential solar system, an accessory building and a garage addition. The permits for the last 3 months are modest compared to permits issued in the recent past. Assessments are current and are waiting for project completions for additional

updates. An adjustment has been made to reflect the house demolition at the Dennis Reed property in White Heath.

The recent title search for the Camp Creek Cemetery has found no deed that gives the cemetery to the Township. Supervisor Piatt and Clerk Duff will search the files in the Township Building for a transfer deed. If no deed is found, the Board will consider asking for a recommendation from the abstract company on how the Board should proceed.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Olson for Cemetery Sexton Dick to purchase a mower shoot from Hedge to Edge. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Scott reported that for the Sangamon Township Celebration the Railroad Museum will have a crank car and a motor car on the track. Additional trains will not be known until a few days before the September 10 event. Supervisor Piatt noted that tee shirts and possibly caps will be available for purchase at the event. The White Heath School will provide space for the car show. A parade will happen around 10:00 am. Signs will be placed around White Heath about the event. The event committee is asking Kirby to participate. Trustee Nolan asked the County Board to support the event with a contribution. Music will be provided. Bingo will be available as well as a possible baseball game using 1858 rules at the ball diamond. A dumpster will be needed for the day only.

No comments were made about the financial reports.

Trustee Nolan distributed a positive cash flow report. The report includes expenses for expansion of the off street parking lot at the park.

Highway Commissioner Sebens rode by a recent ball game and noted that the existing off street parking lot was full and cars were also parked on the road. Perhaps the parking lot should be expanded in the fall. Trustee Blickhan will assume Trustee Foley's duty as liaison to the White Heath Rec League. Trustee Blickhan will review the current lease with the League for any changes and follow up with the Rec League about lighting at the parking lot. Supervisor Piatt noted that there has been no word from IDNR about the grant application for the park.

The auditor has all the information from the Township to complete the annual audit. Supervisor Piatt will check with the auditor to make certain an extension for the audit completion has been submitted.

Supervisor Piatt has left several voice mail messages for Dennis Reed asking about information on his recent demolition costs but he has not returned her calls yet.

New Business: A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Supervisor Piatt to keep the Township's closed regular meeting minutes closed. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Clerk Duff will check with TOI to confirm future options for closed meeting minutes.

The Township's cemetery license was reviewed and is good until 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Olson and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to accept Trustee Foley's resignation letter to be effective July 31, 2022. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The Board expressed thanks for Trustee Foley's service. Trustee Blickhan will contact candidate Tim King to submit to Supervisor Piatt a letter of interest to fill the vacant Trustee position.

Trustee Nolan made a motion seconded by Supervisor Piatt to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff