

**Sangamon Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**August 11, 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 guests Tim King and Dirk Mol, Cemetery Sexton Frannie Dick, and Clerk Kevin Duff.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** none

**New Business:** Dirk Mol from Heartland Pathways will be present at the Sangamon Township Celebration(White Heath Celebration) to provide information to interested parties. Heartland has over 33 mile of trails along former rail corridors with a trail going through White Heath and is working with the city of Monticello and Allerton Park and Conference Center to extend trails. Once the Monticello Trail is built, Heartland will hire someone to clear the path west of White Heath across the Sangamon River to Shady Rest and Lodge. Heartland's trails are bark mulch at first and ultimately paved with crushed limestone. The question was asked if Heartland would be interested in the abandoned iron bridge across the Sangamon River near Centerville. Mr. Mol said since the bridge is not on Heartland's trail, they would not be interested but perhaps the Land Conservation Foundation would be interested. The Board thanked Mr. Mol for attending the meeting.

Mr. Tim King was introduced to the Board and has given Supervisor Piatt a letter of interest to fill the vacant Trustee position on the Board. Trustee Olson made a motion seconded by Trustee Blickhan to appoint Mr. King trustee effective immediately. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. King recited and signed the oath of office. Mr. King is a CPA and has his own business helping municipalities issue municipal bonds.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the July minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Invoices:** A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Supervisor Piatt to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Communications:** Knight Environmental sent a follow up letter canceling the Township's recycling services effective last month. The Township had a temporary sign up about the canceling for two weeks. The temporary sign and the permanent recycling sign have been removed. The Township spent \$10k/year for those services. Supervisor Piatt will ask Mansfield and Bellflower if they find a new recycler provider to let us know.

Supervisor Piatt reported that the internet service provided with our Verizon hot spot is not working. Supervisor Piatt will take to Verizon for repair.

**Old Business:** The State's Department of Natural Resources rejected the Township's application for a grant to help develop the Park because the Township is not yet registered with GATA. The Township can reapply next year and might ask the White Heath Rec League and Fran Harty to help with the application. Perhaps the Township should have a meeting with Aaron Brown from the Rec League to discuss possible future donations and next year's grant application. Supervisor Piatt will forward a copy of the current lease to the Rec League to Trustee Blickhan for review.

No assessor's report has been received this month.

Cemetery Sexton Dick submitted an invoice for the mower shoot or \$259. Sexton Dick had a sample of temporary grave markers that funeral homes have provided. The temporary markers last well if mowers don't run over them; some are still present after 40 years. A motion was made by Supervisor Piatt and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to spend up to \$300 for Sexton Dick to provide and install 6 temporary grave markers for existing unmarked graves. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Future temporary markers are to be provided by the funeral homes as requested by Sexton Dick. The tree line at Ingram's Cemetery needs trimming. Sexton Dick and his assistant Tim Dick will trim. Sexton Dick informed the Board that there appears to be an unauthorized grave at Mackey Cemetery where a note has been left. The Board asked Sexton Dick to please involve the County Sheriff to investigate.

The Sangamon Township Celebration will take place September 10, 2022. Booths are to be located around the White Heath Community Building. A car show will take place at the school, railway rides from the Railroad Museum will be available, a parade will take place at 10:00, and a ball game with 1858 rules will take place at the ball diamond. The Committee opened a bank account to receive donations. The Township will receive an invoice for \$700 for the cost of T shirts but will be reimbursed after the sale of the shirts. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee King to authorize Supervisor Piatt to process up to \$2,000 of invoices from community programming account for the Celebration. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Piatt will talk to the County Treasurer to issue a paper check next year when tax funds are issued. The deposit made this year into one account was difficult for Supervisor Piatt and Kelly's accounting to distribute to the appropriate accounts.

Trustee Nolan distributed a cash flow projection to the Board. Expenses have been less than anticipated. The projected cash flow looks positive.

The auditor asked for an extension for the Township for the audit and expects to have audit information to the Township next week.

No update is available on abandoned properties. Trustee Blickhan will ask a vendor for estimates for demotion of a couple of abandoned properties.

**New Business:** Trustee Nolan reported that he attended a recent County Board Meeting where the County Engineer summarized a meeting he had with the three township Road Commissioners including Sangamon Township affected by the proposed wind farm in the County. The County Board approved a motion for the County Road Engineer to proceed with the township road commissioners to develop policies as to road structural needs regarding the development of a wind farm.

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 adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk Duff