

Sangamon Township
Regular Monthly Meeting

August 15, 2013

Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:05 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.

A moment of silence was shared in the remembrance of Rick Harper, a former Sangamon Township Supervisor and Township supporter.

Public comment was made by Mike Nolan, who spoke of the need for a plan to retain White Heath School in our community. Randy Keith reported about plans by the Piatt County Board to add a line item in the budget to aid in a portion of funding for the demolition or cleanup of abandoned properties in the county. The Piatt County Board will be inviting all Supervisors, Trustees and municipal officials to a planning session on August 27th at 6:30.

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

John Foley motioned to approve the invoices and Elsie Robinson seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor's report:

Ray reported that Rick Harper's service was nice and the flowers sent by Sangamon Township were much appreciated by the Harper family.

Highway Commissioner's report:

Steve asked for an update on an alley project. Questions about the fiber optic project led to discussion of the plans for laying it through White Heath. Randy Keith shared his knowledge of the County's involvement with the fiber optic project.

Assessor's report:

Assessments are current. Brent is updating property cards through building permit information and demolition information.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Steve Long presented his reasoning for the creation of a proposal draft to present to the Piatt County Board concerning the retention of a school in Sangamon Township. He circulated copies of his proposal to the Township Board to be read. Discussion between the Trustees and Steve followed. Randy Keith said that according to the latest census, the next highest growth in the Monticello School District is in Sangamon Township. The possibility of future school consolidation was mentioned. The question of cost to update the White Heath school in order to keep it open was asked. Steve is concerned about the district building a new school in southern Monticello. He believes that the visibility of the school from the interstate 72 is crucial. Other audience members expressed concerns of new families settling in Monticello...not Sangamon Township if we do not have an open school in White Heath. Change to the wording of the proposal draft was discussed. Continuation of the resolution development will be added to the September 2013 agenda for old business. It was also suggested that Steve Long pursue appointment to the open position on the Monticello School Board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Harper and seconded by Elsie Robinson. All in favor...motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Marshall
Sangamon Township Clerk