

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

September 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Trustee Bill Olson. Roll Call was taken. Present were Trustees Bill Olson, Bill Blickhan and Mike Nolan.

Also present were Assessor Denise Dees and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustee John Foley and Supervisor Kathleen Piatt.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The minutes of August 12, 2021 were distributed. A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. A request was made of Supervisor Piatt to ask why our mowing contractor is mowing the ball field so often.

Communications: A letter was received from Piatt County Services requesting a donation. The request will be considered at the October meeting.

Trustee Nolan reported that this month's issue of the Township Perspective had an article about a new state law effective immediately prohibiting the accumulation of township funds in townships's General Assistance account that exceed an amount equal to or greater than 2.5 times the annual average expenditures of the previous 3 fiscal years. (P.A. 102- 0231 (SB 1799).

Trustee Nolan also noted that the issue also reported that the Township Officials of Illinois are working to get townships direct access to funds from the American Rescue Plan. Right now, only the counties have access to those funds.

Old Business: In regards to Kelly's reports, the suggestion was made to request e mail copies of the transaction by account ahead of the meeting. There is still confusion about how funds that are moved from the Road and Bridge Account to the Town Account are reflected, how the deposit of funds from the Motor Fuel Tax are shown and the continued presence of the due to/ due/from item. Continued discussion will happen at the October meeting.

In regards to the concern last month of neighbors to the Ball Diamond, Trustee Nolan noted that he did not see trash after a recent game. The chair of the Rec League, Aaron Brown, confirmed that after each game, kids are asked to pick up trash in exchange for a candy bar. A barricade for half of the private lane might be a good idea but no parking signs on the road and signs about not blocking the lane into the on site parking area are needed. Mr. Brown has requested that one of the Township trustees sit as a non voting member on the Rec League Board. That request will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Trustee Nolan reported that he and Supervisor Piatt sent a grant proposal to the State for consideration. After reading the grant requirement that Townships must have funds in hand to

finish whatever project is proposed, the proposal was modified to include grading, tiling and seeding estimated at \$118,000. A state grant will only cover 90% of the cost or \$106,000. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the submittal for park development at \$106,000 as described in the grant proposal packet document OS Document 3. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The submittal included a conceptual master plan for additional development items. Multiple applicants may be made for the same project over the years.

No further information has been received about the audit.

Trustee Blickhan and Supervisor Piatt are meeting with the recycling contractor the week of September 13 to discuss future options.

Discussion of abandoned properties was deferred for the October meeting.

The next meeting of the Cemetery Committee was noted to be 5:30 pm on October 14, 2021 at the Township Building.

New Business: Assessor Dees reported that the classes required to be a township assessor will not be able to be completed before the end of the year by a candidate wanting to be the Township's assessor in 2022. The County assessor will perform those duties for a substantial fee. Assessor Dees will check to see if any other township assessors are interested in assuming Sangamon Township's work. She will not leave the Township stranded but would like to be replaced in 2022. Assessment work is somewhat slow from the first of the year until March.

Trustee Blickhan and Supervisor Piatt confirmed that an engraved vase will be purchased to recognize an outstanding volunteer and Township resident. The vase with flowers will be presented to the volunteer later this fall at a regular Township meeting.

Discussion of on line banking was deferred to the October meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Olson to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Clerk Duff