

**Sangamon Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**September 10,2020**

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 Blickhan, John Foley and Mike Nolan. Present remotely by Zoom were Supervisor Piatt and Trustee Bill Olson.

Also present were Thomas Scott, Jr., and Clerk Kevin Duff.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the August minutes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 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 approved unanimously.

**Communications:**

Supervisor Piatt noted that the 2 CDs opened 6 months ago are maturing and the proposed rate is significantly lower than the current rate. She will notify the bank not to renew the CDs and will investigate other options. The interest earned will be transferred into the town fund. The question was asked about State CDs and if they are insured.

Supervisor Piatt is investigating options to put the 3/12 acres of park land currently leased as farm ground into a conservation program/prairie program. Questions were raised about the modest income received from those programs and the time commitment required. The idea will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Road Commissioner Larry Sebens reported that he will be going on his wife's insurance policy and will not need the health insurance provided by the Township. Insurance rates are increasing significantly next year by over 19%. The question was raised if the money currently spent for his insurance could be used to increase his salary or a family HSA account. Those options will be explored. Any actions taken will consider the implications for the position should Larry not seek reelection sometime in the future. Supervisor Piatt is talking to other townships about their salaries and benefits.

The question was asked when the Township needs to change their levy request based on next year's budget. Since the proposed levy must be considered by the Township in November, a proposed budget will be reviewed at the October meeting.

**Old Business:**

No update from the White Heath Rec League.

Supervisor Piatt noted that improvements have been made to a couple of the blighted properties in White Heath. No new updates have been received from the County Health Department.

Supervisor Piatt e mailed a report from Assessor Dees to the Trustees.

Trustee Olsen noted that the Profit and Loss Statements for Town Fund and Road and Bridge Funds in Kelly's reports mistakenly show property tax revenue as replacement tax revenue. Supervisor Piatt will correct with Kelly.

Township resident Alan King has reviewed the compilation report. Residents Jeff Colbert and Dale Latz will respond. Supervisor Piatt will check with Attorney Rupiper if we publish or file the compilation report.

**New Business:**

Several Sangamon Township volunteers are willing to craft small free library book boxes as part of a community programming effort like a little free library program. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Olson to allocate no more than \$200 for material reimbursement to township volunteers for 4 small library book boxes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously. A notice will be placed on the Township's website for people interested in sponsoring the boxes on their property before having the boxes constructed. If no interest, the boxes will not be made.

The question was asked about how township officials run for office. Trustee Foley will look into the process and report back to the Board.

Trustee Nolan noted that the Cemetery Committee met prior to the Regular Township Meeting and asked for an agenda item in October to discuss.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan seconded by Trustee Foley to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk Kevin Duff