

**Sangamon Township
Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

October 8, 2015

Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Ray Spencer. Roll call was taken. Elsie Robinson, Ray Spencer and John Foley were present. Bill Olson and Steve Harper were absent.

Debbie Marshall-Clerk, Larry Sebens- Highway Commissioner and Brent Buckalew-Assessor were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

None

Minutes:

A motion to approve and accept the September 2015 minutes was made by Elsie Robinson, and seconded by John Foley. Motion passed unanimously.

Invoices:

A motion to approve invoices was made by Elsie Robinson and seconded by John Foley. With no discussion and a roll call vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays, the motion to approve invoices passed.

Announcements/communications:

A letter was shared from Liz Skinner-Monticello Township Assessor. She was inquiring about our views on continuing the organization of Township Officials of Piatt County. She requests all Piatt County Townships to advise on reactivating or terminating the organization.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A motion to accept the 2014 annual financial report was made by Elsie Robinson and seconded by John Foley. All were in favor.

During discussion of the budget, John asked about investing some of the Town funds in laddered C.D.s. He also suggested that banks could possibly bid on the investments.

Ray reported that our current CPA firm (Bray, Drake, Liles & Richardson LLP) is merging with Kemper.

Brent shared his thoughts on future assessments for Sangamon Township so that we might gain some insight into the possible need to increase the tax levy. Farmland is 1/3 of Sangamon Twp evaluation, and we are having very little new construction. So don't count on new construction for an increase in tax revenue.

John asked how much we have in "cash reserves" and do we need more? Ray reports that we haven't been spending all that has been budgeted. We show excess in all funds. Should we have a separate fund earmarked specifically for a legal fund emergency? John's opinion is to keep all levies at the same rate and expect a small increase in assessments. The tax levy will remain the same for Town Fund and Road & Bridge Fund.

John Foley made the motion to convey to John Foltz's Office our direction to keep the levies for Town Fund and Road & Bridge Funds in Sangamon Township the same as last year. Elsie Robinson seconded the motion. With a roll call vote resulting from Ray Spencer's request, the motion carries with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

John suggests tabling discussion on future use of White Heath ball diamond by Monticello School District.

After a request from Sexton Frannie Dick for I.M.R.F. information, John contacted I.M.R.F. and urged Frannie to make contact with them as well. John reported that he discovered that an employee must work more than 1000 hours per year to qualify for retirement pension. Frannie said that he does work that amount of hours. Then, if Frannie wants to pursue a calculation of what it would cost to make up the "lost" years of contribution in order to make his decision, he should contact I.M.R.F. Materials and information regarding I.M.R.F. were presented to Frannie.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Foley and seconded by Elsie Robinson. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Marshall

Sangamon Township Clerk