

**Sangamon Township
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Held at Sangamon Township Building, 1276 Old Rt 47 White Heath Illinois

October 9, 2014

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, Bill Olson and Steve Harper were present. John Foley was absent.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

During public comment, Erik Berkman complimented the decision by the Board to re-activate the storm siren. He wondered where we were at in the re-activation process. He believes that even saving one life is worth the cost of installation. Ray commented that he and Steve plan to attend the next Mid-Piatt Fire protection meeting to present the plan for the siren and win approval.

Thomas Scott, who was in representation of the Champaign Havana & Western Railway Historical Society, presented their desires to further develop a hiking trail along the old rail right of way from White Heath to Seymour.

Kim & Tammy Benson offered their support for the storm siren re-activation. They suggested raising the siren on to a tower for better sound coverage. Also, some intersections in White Heath are becoming a hazard when motorist viewing is compromised by low hanging branches.

The September 2014 minutes were read. Elsie Robinson moved to accept the minutes as read, and Steve Harper seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The invoices were presented for payment. After questioning a charge on the Bill Abbott invoice, Larry explained that it was for servicing one of the Highway trucks. Elsie Robinson made the motion to accept and pay the invoices and Steve Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brent reported that property assessment changes were published in the local paper. Owners have thirty days to appeal. We are near the end of the assessment year.

Ray reported that we received \$6734.00 from Piatt County, due to a refund of past protested real estate taxes.

There was no old business.

In new business, Ray asked if the Board had any questions concerning the 2013 Annual Audit and pointed out that we are in better financial conditions than last year. A motion to accept the audit as presented was made by Elsie Robinson, Bill Olson seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

Discussion of the Tax Levy for 2014 followed. Bill felt that there is no reason to increase levies. Elsie & Steve agreed. Larry believes the Highway Tax Levy should remain the same. Ray will report to our Attorney that we wish to keep the Levy at the current level.

Elsie Robinson made a motion to adjourn and Bill Olson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Marshall

Sangamon Township Clerk