

Sangamon Township
Regular Monthly Meeting

October 10, 2013

Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Supervisor Ray Spencer. Roll call was taken. Elsie Robinson, Ray Spencer, John Foley and Bill Olson were present. Steve Harper was absent.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

There was no public comment.

The September 2013 minutes were read. Elsie Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes as read, and John Foley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After review of the invoices presented for payment, a motion was made by Elsie Robinson to approve and pay the invoices. Bill Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Larry Sebens reported that he applied overlay on 2 alleys in White Heath. This was leftover product that he won't have to store over the coming winter months.

Brent Buckalew presented a copy of TOIRMA's standard contract for the new assessing year. He had suggestions for change on the contract. Termination language should be adjusted, the expense clause should be eliminated, and the liability insurance clause should be tweaked. He asked for feedback from the board. A modified contract will be presented to the board in November for acceptance. The desire is to use this contract prepared by TOIRMA, but with minor adjustments.

There was brief discussion of the tour of White Heath School taken prior to the meeting. The building looked well-kept and in good condition. We all enjoyed the tour. Thanks to Ray for organizing the tour and refreshments.

John was invited to attend an informational meeting held by Monticello School Officials in September. Another will occur October 23rd, with a public forum at 7:00 on October 28th. John reported that Dr. Zimmerman presented reasons why we need to update our schools. He emphasized that we are competing with schools to our East and some to the West for students and families. Fewer buildings equal less operational costs, personnel, transportation costs for instance. Dr. Zimmerman prefers the scenario of a new high school as making the most sense to him.

Steve Long expressed his ideas for development of the new school. He presented a map of the Monticello School District which showed the area served by the district. John encouraged Steve to attend the public forum offered by Monticello schools on October 28th to share his ideas.

John asks that the board give thought to what level of support that we want to add to the creation of this new school referendum.

Ray passed out copies of possible tax extensions to be levied. Larry reports that he can work with the funds he currently receives and needs no increase. Discussion of need for funds followed with no fore seeable costs in the near future. Levies will remain the same and be voted on in November.

Larry questioned the method in which his salary is paid. One half of his salary is currently taken from the Road & Bridge fund per temporary agreement with a former Sangamon Township Supervisor. This method has not changed in 8 years. The salary should come from our Town fund 100%. After discussion, it was suggested that 100% of the Highway Commissioner's salary will be taken from the Town fund beginning January 2014. An official vote to update the practice will be taken during the November meeting.

T.O.I. will sponsor an annual educational conference in November. Larry, Debbie and possibly Elsie plan to attend.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Marshall

Sangamon Township Clerk

