

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

October 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll Call was taken. Present were Supervisor Piatt and Trustees Mike Nolan and John Foley.

Also present were Thomas Scott, Jr., Mark Sieja, Kevin Duff - Clerk, Larry Sebens - Highway Commissioner and Denise Dees - Assessor.

Absent: Trustees Bill Blickhan and Bill Olsen

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Mr. Scott reported that the Railway Museum is acquiring a locomotive turntable.

Minutes:

Trustee Foley made a motion seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the September Regular Township minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Invoices:

After clarifying the purchase of a pruner for the skid loader and the payment to Hicks Gas from the general assistance fund on behalf of a resident, a motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Communications:

A draft annual calendar was distributed for review by the Board.

Supervisor Piatt and Trustee Nolan reported about the wind farm meeting held recently by the U of I Extension Services. Most of the potential tax revenue from a wind farm would go to the schools.

Old Business:

Assessor's Report: Assessor Dees reported that the County will be mailing next year's tax statements showing an increase in Sangamon Township's multiplier of 2.5%. New homes not completed by Jan. 1 will not be on next year's tax roll. Assessor Dees will look at how Sangamon's rate compares to Monticello's rate. For next year's budget, Assessor Dees will e mail Supervisor Piatt a proposal to be reimbursed for mileage next year.

Discussion of next year's draft budget will be postponed until next month to allow input from a full Board. The question was raised about what it would take to change the budget adoption to be the same as the fiscal year.

Concerning abandoned and unsafe houses in the Township, Trustee Foley will talk to the director of the Central Illinois Land Bank about providing assistance to the Township. An article in the News Gazette on September 27 talked about the work of the Land Bank including the possibility of federal grants for clean up. Mr. Sieja asked if Mike Schroeder from the County is making progress on the complaints from residents since Mr. Schroeder is not returning Mr. Sieja's calls. Mr. Schroeder has revisited Dennis Pontious's property and the Norman property. Mr. Sieja will let Trustee Nolan know the date for a pending meeting of the Hickory Hills Subdivision Homeowner's Association.

The Cemetery Committee met this evening after having posted an agenda. A proposed budget was discussed and included a proposed set aside item of \$5k to replace a mower in the future. Minutes were taken.

The Board reviewed reports from Kelly's Accounting. Cash flow will be tight for the close of the fiscal year.

At the November meeting the audit report will be discussed.

Richard Howland only charged for materials for seeding the site of the new ball diamond. He donated his labor.

The plats for the park purchase need be recorded at a cost of \$74 for each plat. After a motion from Supervisor Piatt seconded by Trustee Nolan, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved for the payment. The Trustee for the grant, Bill Glasgow, seems receptive to public recognition and appreciation.

Supervisor Piatt will meet with Kelly's Accounting on Oct. 16. The issue of how to pay for the Highway Commissioner's salary was discussed by the Board and Commissioner Sebens. A motion was made by Supervisor Piatt and seconded by Trustee Foley to split the salary and benefits 50/50 between the Town Fund and the Road Fund to be reviewed every year. A roll call vote was taken and approved unanimously. An audit recommendation was to fix the split in the budget so that the accounting may be the same every month.

New Business:

Supervisor Piatt will let the high school know about the availability of scholarships from the Township Association.

The tax levy will be discussed at the November regular meeting of the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Foley to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Duff, Clerk