

**Sangamon Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

***October 13, 2016***

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:**

Brent Buckalew feels that the Township Assessor's salary is appropriate and fair at this time. It is still competitive and should remain the same for the next term. John asked if the recently published list in the Piatt County Journal was reflective of assessment changes. Brent replied that it was. He thinks our township might be up 2 ½ to 3% in assessed values for next tax year.

**Minutes:**

A motion to approve and accept the regular monthly September 2016 minutes was made by Elsie Robinson and seconded by Steve Harper. Motion passed unanimously.

**Invoices:**

A motion to approve invoices was made by Steve Harper and seconded by Elsie Robinson. With a roll call vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the motion to approve invoices passed.

**Announcements/communications:**

Ray received a Freedom of Information Act request from Sandy Smith of Cisco. She asked for the amount of General Assistance paid out for each of the last three years. This inquiry has been answered without sharing any personal or identifying information.

**Old Business:**

Ray shared a copy of suggested new salaries for the Township Elected Officials' new term beginning May 2017. The list was compared to the current salaries in order to open discussion. The Assessor, Sexton and Cemetery Assistant Caretaker salaries will remain the same.

After discussion, it was suggested that the Highway Commissioner's salary begins at the current amount of \$4300 per month. Then increase the salary each year of term by Social Security cost of living adjustment raise. Health insurance allowance from the Township will be \$850 per month. Larry will research health insurance options. He might choose a HSA or use the allowance to pay on a premium.

It was proposed that the Supervisor's salary will be set at \$850 per month. The Clerk's salary will be set at \$500 per month and the Trustees' salary at \$75 per month. This will be voted on in November.

**New Business:**

The donation of a strip of land adjacent to the Ross-Hughes Cemetery from the Bill & Renee Dalton family has been completed by Quit Claim Deed. A motion to accept this donation was made by John Foley and seconded by Elsie Robinson. All were in favor.

Copies of a report showing funds levied for the 2015 payable 2016 Real Estate tax year were shared. The Trustees are to study these amounts, give suggestions and vote on the final levies for 2016 payable 2017 at the November regular meeting. John suggested keeping the Township levies the same.

Larry shared the costs involved in rebuilding and resurfacing a road. He would like to raise the levies on Permanent Road and Road and Bridge funds.

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Harper and seconded by Elsie Robinson. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Marshall

Sangamon Township Clerk

