

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

November 10, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll Call was taken. Present were Supervisor Piatt and Trustees Mike Nolan, Bill Blickhan and Tim King.

Absent: Trustee Bill Olson.

Also present were guests Martha Ann Rhoades, Bill Kidd, Colleen Kidd, Paula Stanley Witt, Bill Witt, Thomas Scott, Jr., Leslie Heath, Karen Heath, Aaron Brown and Sally Nolan. Also present were Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens and Clerk Kevin Duff.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the October minutes as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee King to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications: Supervisor Piatt reported that Heartland Trailways will use the Township Building for a meeting on Saturday.

Supervisor Piatt received a call from First Mid Bank that the Township's and Road's interest rate on the money market accounts might be increased.

Commissioner Sebens reported that a new snow plow for the front end loader will need to be purchased in the next two months.

Supervisor Piatt reported that she would like to resign as Township Supervisor next month. Trustee Nolan is agreeable to become Township Supervisor. Supervisor Piatt would like to fill Trustee Nolan's Trustee's seat when he becomes supervisor. The Board is agreeable to finalize at the December meeting.

Old Business: Special guest Martha Ann Rhoades received the Sangamon Township Honored Citizen Award for 2022. A brief biography was written by Trustee Nolan and read by Supervisor Piatt detailing her outstanding contributions to the Township over the years.

Assessor Scott Whitehouse reported that he is current with the work for 2021 and 2022 and admitted that volume of the work has been more than he expected. Sangamon Township has the most new construction in the County. He would appreciate a bump in his salary. He would like to continue to serve the Township next year. His salary for 2023 will be discussed at the December Regular Township meeting.

The resolution was read and a motion made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee King to approve the Town Levy for 2022. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The levy reduces the General Assessment fund to \$0 and the Insurance fund to \$0 and increases the Town fund to \$192,277, an increase of less than 5% of the total levy.

The resolution was read and a motion made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the Road Levy for 2022. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The levy increases the Road and Bridge fund to \$302,556, an increase of less than 5% of the total levy.

Aaron Brown from the White Heath Rec League reported that this year has been the biggest season for the league. Their budget for the year is \$32k and they spent \$31k. Expenses include uniforms, balls, and umpire fees. Play starts in April and goes well into November. Ameren changed the transformer at the ball diamond this year. Mr. Brown believes that the middle school will continue to play on the White Heath field in the future. The new Township field will bring in new leagues. The off street parking is working out well and overflow parking has happened on the grass on the south field. Some additional signage to direct visitors to the off street lot would be helpful. Lights are needed to be improved on the field. The Board encouraged a long term fix for lighting on parking area. Mr. Brown will send Trustee Blickhan a list of needed improvements including the parking lot lights. Arthur Christian School has a new ball diamond that would be a good model for the Township's new field. Cost information will be requested. Willow Branch has a grader to loan the Township for the rough grading of the field. Final laser grading would have to be contracted. The layout of the new field is still being discussed. Mr. Brown will let the Board know if acquiring additional land would be beneficial. Proposals for the new ball fields in Monticello still show small fields that will not compete with the Township's field. The mowing last year worked out well but weed control and fertilizing needs to be improved. Existing batting cages will be improved next year. Additional ag lime is needed and Mr. Brown will work with Commissioner Sebens to purchase and deliver. The league hosted a softball tournament during the White Heath Celebration Day. Another White Heath Celebration is planned for the second weekend in 2023.

No cemetery report was received. Sexton Frannie Dick is busy. He has submitted a bill for tree removal. John Hays is agreeable to give the Township a quick claim deed for the Camp Creek Cemetery. Trustee Nolan will follow up. Trustee Blickhan will give Trustee Nolan information about a surveyor for the deed.

Commissioner Sebens reported income of about \$524 for the Clean Up Days in October. The dumpster expense was \$825 from Bulldog Services.

The reports from Kelly's Accounting show IMRF and Payroll tax reconciliation this month.

Trustee Nolan reported that cash flow is still good. The Board is encouraging the Township to purchase one new PC and a new printer/copier.

The 2021 audit was briefly discussed. The Township's goal for a rainy day Town Fund Money Market account is to be discussed.

Supervisor Piatt and Trustee King will look into CD rates to invest \$50k from the Township's Insurance Fund and \$50k from the Township's General Assistance Fund.

No recycling report was made.

Trustee Nolan will talk to Mike Schroder in the County Health Department about the abandoned property in Hickory Hills Subdivision.

New Business: A motion was made by Supervisor Piatt and seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff