

Sangamon Township  
**Annual Town Meeting**

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

**April 13, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Kevin Duff.

Present were Supervisor Kathleen Piatt, Trustee Mike Nolan, Trustee Bill Blickhan, Sheila Maloney, Mary Murphy, Bridget Frerichs and Clerk Kevin Duff

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Nominations were opened for electing a moderator. Supervisor Piatt nominated Sheila Maloney. Trustee Nolan seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously. The oath of office was administered to Ms. Maloney by Clerk Duff.

Clerk Duff presented the certificate of posting notice of the annual town meeting. The notice was posted at the Township Office, the White Heath Post Office and United Prairie in White Heath on March 26, 2021. The notice was also posted on the Township's website.

The 2020 Annual Town Meeting Minutes were read by Clerk Duff. Trustee Nolan made a motion seconded by Supervisor Piatt to approve the minutes. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously. The minutes were signed by Moderator Maloney and Clerk Duff.

Moderator Maloney asked Supervisor Piatt to give the annual treasurer's report. Last year, the Township did not have an audit but had a compilation report. The Township will have an audit later this year since it is an election year that will be filed with the County Clerk. Supervisor Piatt distributed copies of the balance sheets for the Town Fund and the Road and Bridge Funds. Balances shown are as of January 1 2020. The Town Fund revenues were reviewed noting higher interest revenue in 2020. The General Assistance Fund and Insurance Fund still have a surplus balance due to over levying for those funds in past years. Current levies are very low for these funds. No requests for general assistance were made in 2020. Funds in these accounts can only be used for the purposes of the accounts and cannot be transferred. Supervisor Piatt contacted Township churches in 2020 to make them aware of the Township's General Assistance should the churches be aware of residents in need. Cemetery Funds are set aside from Town Funds and are not levied. Town Fund expenditures greater than \$2500 were reviewed. The Highway Commissioner's salary was noted to be paid 1/2 by the Town Fund and 1/2 by the Road and Bridge Fund. A new HVAC system was purchased for the Township Building. Expenditures less than \$2500 totaled about \$7,200. Cemetery salaries and paid from the Town Fund and not the Cemetery Fund since cemetery employees are Township employees. In 2020, insurance costs were mistakenly deducted from the Town Fund instead of the insurance fund. Funds will be moved from the Insurance Fund to the Town Fund this year to correct. Recycling is a major expense every year. Total revenue in 2020 exceeded total expenditures by about \$67,000. The total of all Town accounts seems high because of the General Assistance and Insurance Funds.

The Road and Bridge Fund balance was reviewed. Revenue from the State Gas tax was about \$50,000 last year. Revenue from the State Replacement tax has never been very much and was slightly under in 2020 from 2019. Expenditures included a new salt dome and road paving. The County gives the Township funds to maintain county roads in the Township such

as Old Route 47 and Shady Rest Road. The cost of Kelly's Accounting services is split 50/50 between the Town Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund. Expenditures less than \$2500 total about \$103,000. The Township does not tell the Road Commissioner how to spend funds but provides oversight only.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the Sangamon Township Treasurer's Report. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Moderator Maloney made a motion seconded by Ms. Murphy to fix the hour of the Annual Town Meeting in 2022 to 7:00 pm. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nolan and seconded by Ms. Frerichs to adopt a resolution permitting the pursuit and purchase or sale of personal or real property conducive to the best interest of the inhabitants of the Township. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Nolan made a motion seconded by Supervisor Piatt to allow transfer among Township funds. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Moderator Maloney reiterated that Township could benefit from reinstating the Township's Land Commission for review of any future land use zoning changes. The Township Trustees could require the County to have a supermajority to approve zoning changes that the Township Board did not approve based on a recommendation of the Commission. The Commission is citizen based. Supervisor Piatt noted that in recent discussions at the Board, reinstating the Township's Land Commission has received little support. Ms. Maloney volunteered to attend a future Township meeting to discuss.

Plans for an additional future ball diamond and park development were briefly discussed. The White Heath Rec League is in the lead for future development with the Township reviewing plans. Construction costs will be born by contributions to the Rec League and not by the Township. State Grants are not available this year. A suggestion was made to have a planning session for public input into the park plans. A couple of pickle ball courts were enthusiastically suggested.

Township Clean Up Days will held in the fall.

The 3.5 acres of farmland in the park has been leased this year to Dan Morris who farms the adjoining property.

A map of the Township cemeteries was shown at the request of Ms. Murphy. Cost of a grave site are \$350 for Township residents and \$560 for nonresidents.

Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Moderator Maloney to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Kevin Duff

Moderator Sheila Maloney