

**Sangamon Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**October 10, 2024**

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

Also present were Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Assessor and Clerk Kevin Duff.

Absent: Trustee Bill Olson

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** none

**New Business:** No discussion was made about the assessor's budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Piatt to name Lloyd Wax Outstanding Citizen for 2024. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Expenditures for improvements at the ball diamond continue to be received. A majority of the earthwork expense has been billed. Some drainage tile will be done yet this fall. Small repairs to the new ball diamond will be made as needed this spring. Prairie Central has 1000 tons of road pack available for expanding the parking lot. Supervisor Nolan will confirm. Using matting road fabric under the stone paving was discussed but not thought to be required. Taking the sod off the area prior to stone paving is desirable. Burying an electrical conduit to the middle of the new lot for lighting prior to stone paving is also desirable. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee King to approve the purchase of 1000 tons of road pack stone at about \$17k and hauling at about \$10k for a total expenditure of around \$30k. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Letters from Attorney Rupiper about preliminary tax levies for the Town and Road for 2024 were discussed. The ultimate goal of for Township tax revenue is to maintain the Township roads and bridges in good repair. Road quality has been decreasing over the years since maintenance costs have exceeded the recent increases in the tax levy as well as additional roads being built for new subdivisions. A Truth in Taxation meeting will need to be held in December for any levy increase greater than 5%. The Board will consider at the November meeting requesting a Town levy increase of 4.9% and a Road levy increase at the calculated percentage to raise the revenue for the Road and Bridge account to \$445k, the Bridge account to \$25k and the Road Equipment and building to \$40k.

A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the following elected officials's salaries after the election in 2025: no change for the Clerk at \$550/month, no change for the Trustees at \$75/month, a decrease for the Supervisor to \$700/month, elected assessor salary at \$1000 per month and an increase of 3% per year with no change in the monthly insurance stipend at \$5,100/year for the Highway Commissioner. All salaries will be effective May 2025. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** A positive monthly financial projection was distributed.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee King to approve last month's regular meeting minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Special Minutes:** A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve last month's special town meeting minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Invoices:** A question was asked if the Illiana paving bill included the paving agreed in the purchase of land from Rick Pontious. Supervisor Nolan confirmed that the \$16k as agreed for the paving was paid from the Town account as agreed. Trustee Blickhan will ask Phil Davis for the 1099 tax information. Clarification that the VCNA bill was for tile work at Hickory Hill. A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee King to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Communications:** A reminder was made that there will be a consolidated election April 1, 2025.

An article from the Champaign News Gazette was shared about lost revenue from the Champaign County Board for not investing in Illinois Funds.

TOIRMA sent a letter that a handrail at the playground is missing and playground surface needs to be 9" thick and extend 6 feet in all directions.

Guidelines for the General Assistance has changed. Supervisor Nolan will compare to the Township's policy.

TOI is having an annual education conference.

The second tax payments have been received: about \$88,000 for the Township and about \$210,000 for the Road and Bridge.

First Mid Bank has sent changes to their policies.

A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Supervisor Nolan to go into a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing employee compensation. A voice vote was taken and the closed meeting began at 9:20 pm. Highway Commissioner Sebens excused himself.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:50 pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee King to increase the Cemetery Sexton's salary by \$100/month effective in November. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Supervisor Nolan to adjourn the regular meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk Duff