

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

November 14, 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, Kathleen Piatt, and Bill Olson.

Also present were Piatt County Sheriff Mike Volgelzang, Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, and Clerk Kevin Duff.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Sheriff Volgelzang gave the Board a brochure from Flock Co. for a license plate reader camera operating 24/7 that helps determine what vehicles are in an area at the time of a crime. The cameras are solar powered and the data can be sorted by vehicle color and make. The data is purged every 30 days and is only looked at by law enforcement when there is a crime. The cost is \$3,000/camera with a minimum order of 2 plus \$625 installation fee for each camera on Township or County roads. The camera contract is for a minimum of 2 years. Three cameras are probably needed for White Heath. No grants are available and the costs are expected to increase. There is one other known vendor. Security cameras may be alternative options. Several neighboring communities such as Monticello, Bement, Cerro Gordo and Mansfield have purchased cameras. The Board will consider and let Sheriff Vogelzang know.

New Business: After Clerk Duff read the Town Levy Resolution, a motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee King to approve the Town Levy Resolution and Certification. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The Road Levy will be considered at the Regular December Meeting after a Truth in Taxation Hearing is conducted prior to the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Sebens reviewed road maintenance costs for 2024 with the Board and the anticipated road repairs that could be made next year if the proposed levy is approved.

Supervisor Nolan reported that the pavilion roof at the existing ball diamond will need to be repaired soon since the overhang of the roof is insufficient to get the water away from the rafters; the rafters are starting to rot. Contractor Phil Davis is still planning on tiling the new ball diamond as weather permits this year. Trustee Blickhan will ask tenant farmer Daniel Morris the value of his crop damaged with the construction of the new diamond. Supervisor Nolan has done a contribution application for funding from the state for costs incurred from construction at the Park.

Supervisor Nolan reported that Attorney Rupiper has information from the land gift at Camp Creek Cemetery and is finishing up the paperwork. Supervisor Nolan will contact Appraiser Carol Hawkins for the value of the gift.

The audit for last year has not been received in spite of weekly calls to the auditor from Supervisor Nolan. The auditor has not been submitted requests for extensions from the State so the Township is now considered delinquent. A possible alternative auditor for next year is being considered.

Supervisor Nolan will change the date on Assessor Whitehouse's contract for next year, ask Assessor Whitehouse to sign and send a copy of the contract to TOIRMA.

Next month, the Township's budget for next year will be considered at the December meeting. Supervisor Nolan distributed a document of expected revenues and expenses for next year to the Board. The need to borrow money next year is not expected.

A summary of transactions with the Illinois Fund was distributed to the Board.

The monthly financial reports received from Kelly's Accounting were reviewed.

Old Business: A positive monthly financial projection was given to the Board.

Closed Meeting: The closed meeting on the agenda was deferred.

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Piatt to approve the October Regular Minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: After a review of ball diamond expenses, a motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee King to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications: Road employee Linc McCullum is out on disability after injuring himself at home.

Tony Kirkman sent a letter that the antidote for drug overdoses is available at no cost to the Township. The Board mentioned several possible locations such as the ball diamond or at Mid Piatt but Mid Piatt has already declined. Supervisor Nolan will contact Mr. Kirkman for more information.

Highway Commissioner Sebens reported that contributions from Clean Up days were \$177 plus around \$172 from the sale of metal items collected.

The Diaper Pantry sent a letter asking for donations.

The Piatt County Soil and Water Conservation Office sent a letter asking for donations.

Trustee Piatt made a motion seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk Duff