

Sangamon Township Regular Meeting Minutes September 10, 2026

Sangamon Township Office Building
1264 Old Rt 47 P.O. Box 38
White Heath, Illinois 61884

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mike Nolan at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken. Present were Supervisor Nolan and Trustees Tim King and Kathleen Piatt. Also present were Dianne Oberson, Road Commissioner Larry Sebens, Thomas Scott, Jr. and Clerk Kevin Duff. Absent were Trustees Bill Blickhan and Tosha Valentine. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

During public comments, Ms. Oberson asked about the status of the County reviewing the proposed solar farm adjacent to her property and the Township's Park. Supervisor Nolan reported that the County had approved the solar farm with the change in zoning to Ag-1. When the landscape contractor for the solar farm is known, Supervisor Nolan will contact the contractor to get a proposal to plant the screening between the Park and the solar farm.

When asked if the additional parking and signage at the Park had helped the traffic from the ball games, Ms. Oberson replied that the situation was better but some cars are still driving up to her house and turning around.

Mr. Scott reported that garbage at the apartments in White Heath is better than it has been.

A motion was by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee King to approve last month's meeting minutes. A voice vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Under new business, Clean Up Day will be October 9, 2026, from 7 am until 2 pm at the road shed. The date will be posted on the Township's website but not advertised in the Piatt Journal.

Commissioner Sebens reported that damage from the recent tornado was limited to the Township but other townships and the city helped with the clean up: Monticello, Willow Branch, Goose Creek townships and the City of Monticello. The clean up is complete. A motion was made by Supervisor Nolan and seconded by Trustee Piatt to approve a gift to the individuals of the helping townships and the city with the total expenditure not to exceed \$1k dollars. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Nolan will write a letter to the editor thanking the townships that helped with the clean up. Supervisor Nolan is consulting with other township supervisors and individuals from the Piatt County Emergency Agency to explore setting up an account for future disaster emergencies with contributions from the townships.

The tree damage from the storm and Camp Creek Cemetery have been cleaned up. Supervisor Nolan contacted TOIRMA and expenses up to \$5k may be covered by insurance.

Attorney Amy Rupiper has sent an announcement about moving her office.

Supervisor Nolan reported updates to the Park. Two loads of lime for the new ball diamond's infield have been delivered with two more expected. The Township's mowing contractor is now mowing inside the fence and east of the new diamond. Supervisor Nolan is working on the area north of the diamond. Trustee Blickhan is talking to the seeding contractor about reseeding the first base line, what kind of seed is being used and where the seed was purchased. Rec League volunteer Aaron Brown is working with a potential donor for the dugout roof materials. Budgets and funds available for Park improvements will be discussed at the next meeting. A grant

application to IDNR for this year for improvements to the Park was not submitted. A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Piatt to spend no more than \$5k on reseeding at the new ball diamond. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. A job description for the proposed additional manager for the new ball diamond will be reviewed by the Board at the next meeting.

What taxes have been lost to the Township because of the TIFF district is being documented.

A request for bicycle signage was discussed and the Board decided that this is not a Township responsibility.

Kelly's accounting has completed reconciling the Township and Road and Bridge accounts. Funds will be transferred next month.

The audit is complete. Supervisor Nolan and Clerk Duff will sign.

To update the long-range 5-year forecast for the Township, a different topic each month will be discussed.

Transfers and deposits were distributed. The Illinois Fund is now paying 3.7%.

Commissioner Sebens announced his plans to retire. An item for next month's meeting will be included at next month's meeting to discuss further.

Under old business, financial projections were discussed.

Trustee King distributed a spreadsheet of 2025 Township EAV's and rates.

A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Piatt to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Clerk Duff