

**Sangamon Township
Regular Township Meeting Minutes**

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

October 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mike Nolan at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken. Present were Supervisor Nolan and Trustees Bill Blickhan, Tim King and Tosha Valentine. Also present were Assessor Mary Kingery, Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, township residents Phoebe Baker and Matt Valentine, White Heath Rec Board member Aaron Brown and Clerk Kevin Duff. Absent was Trustee Kathleen Piatt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Baker and Mr. Valentine offered some comments and questions about schedule and notices of the Township's Clean Up Day. Other Townships offer two events per year, have Saturday hours, mail out notices and do not charge. To minimize expenses, Sangamon Township has one event per year in October during regular week day hours to enable the road crew to help and asks for donations.

Supervisor Nolan reported that a thank you note was received for the flowers sent for Max Olson's funeral. A request was received from OSF for a donation for Peace Meals; the Township does not donate to the numerous requests received. An e mail was received from Sherriff Mark Vogelzang about trash at 210 Commercial Street in White Heath. A letter was received from the Department of Transportation about the lapse in federal appropriations because of the federal government's shutdown. Clerk Duff shared an e mail from Dylan Warnick about his concern about traffic speed on Woodland Drive with many children under the age of 10

living on the street. Additional signage may be helpful. Commissioner Sebens will take a look.

A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the September minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Assessor Kingery reported that the County is raising the tax multiplier in the Township by 11.5% as required by the State because recent sales indicate property values are 11.5% below the 30% market value assessed.

The Board discussed the amount of the Town tax levy and decided to move forward with an increase of 4.99% that does not require a truth in taxation hearing. The Board will vote on the town levy at the November meeting.

The Board discussed the amount of the Road levy and agreed to also move forward with an increase of 4.99% that does not require a truth in taxation hearing. The Board will vote and reconsider the road levy at the November meeting.

Commissioner Sebens reported that after he hired an attorney to settle a dispute with IMRF last year, the State passed a bill to give employees credit for service years. Commissioner Sebens will follow up to see if he can have his attorney's expenses reimbursed from the State.

Supervisor Nolan reported that a check has been received from IDNR for the grant at the Park. Supervisor Nolan also submitted a grant request for the lights at the new ball diamond.

Mr. Brown reported that two bids have been received for backstop and fencing at the new ball diamond. The more favorable bid is from General Fencing who will update their bid to include tax. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee King to approve an agreement

from the Township to provide a grant to the White Heath Rec League for the backstop and fence with General Fencing for a final amount to be determined. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The new ball diamond has been seeded to grass. More infield lime is needed, probably 5 more loads at \$1000/load.

A motion was made by Trustee Valentine and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve a quote of \$10,618 to install new light fixtures at the existing ball diamond. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Nolan distributed the tax revenue summaries for the Township's second payment.

A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Valentine to increase the Cemetery Sexton's salary to \$1750/month starting next month. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The sexton's salary is currently \$1500/month.

Transfers and deposit information were distributed.

A positive cash flow projection was distributed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Duff