

**Sangamon Township**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**January 9, 2025**

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

Also present were Tony Kirkman, director of the Piatt County Mental Health Center, Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens, Cemetery Sexton Frannie Dick and Clerk Kevin Duff.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Kirkman expressed his thanks for the support of the Board for the recent increase in the levy for the Mental Health Center. Mr. Kirkman brought a Narcan box to demonstrate its content and explain how the box could be used. Thirteen boxes have been purchased for the County and would be beneficial to have a box in Sangamon Township. The box has a QR code for instructions on how to use and Narcan nasal mists are in the box. The Center will check the boxes monthly and replace mists that have been removed. Narcan is used to mitigate the effects of Opioid overdoses. Friends and relatives of Opioid users typically seek Narcan in the event of an overdose, not the Opioid user. The Board agreed that a box available to the public in the Township is a good idea. Commissioner Sebens agreed to try a box mounted on the Road Shed in a well-lit area. Narcan does not work with alcohol and may have side effects with other medications such as medications used for cancer and HIV treatments.

Cemetery Sexton Dick reported that 6 grave plots at Camp Creek Cemetery have been identified with land donor John Hayes as agreed in the gift agreement. Sexton Dick also gave the Board a job description of what he is currently doing.

**Announcements:** Clerk Duff reported that only two candidates for Highway Commissioner will be on the April ballot: Commissioner Sebens and Independent candidate Derrek Gill. Todd Heleine's paperwork was not submitted on time. Mr. Heleine was nominated by the Republican Caucus to run for Commissioner.

The Piatt County Journal Republican had a nice front-page article and picture of Outstanding Sangamon Township Citizen Loyd Wax on the front page of last week's issue. A letter was received from TOI about their scholarship for a high school senior.

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

Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Trustee Piatt to approve last month's closed meeting minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**New Business:** Electrical panels (3) for the existing ball diamond have been updated with most bills for expenses received. One additional bill may be outstanding. White Heath Rec League Director, Aaron Brown, is looking for funding for new light fixtures. Trustee Blickhan will contact Mr. Brown with the name of a possible donor. Contractor Phil Davis has laid out the tiling for the new ball diamond. Because of the weather, installing the tiling before spring is unlikely at this point and will probably have to be installed this summer. Tile connections need to be discussed. The Infield tile should happen first to allow the lime for the infield to be moved so the parking lot can be expanded.

IDNR has approved the submitted request for the first payment on the grant for the park improvements. Supervisor Nolan will be submitting another payment request soon.

Supervisor Nolan has talked to two candidates for the vacant assessor's position. The candidate who is currently licensed and performing assessor duties in nearby townships, Mary Kingery, is interested in the position for a fee of \$15k/year with no mileage or other reimbursements. Ms. Kingery will be invited to attend the February Township meeting with the expectation of giving her a one-year contract. The other candidate who is interested but not currently licensed and an additional possible candidate not currently licensed may be able to complete the licensing process over the next year.

After discussion and review, Trustee Piatt made a motion seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve a tentative Town budget for 2025. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and review, Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve a tentative Road and Bridge budget for 2025. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Findings of the 2023 audit were reviewed. Supervisor Nolan will ask the auditor to provide information for the February meeting to discuss. The possibility of Accountant Kelly providing monthly reconciliation of bank statements with written checks with the existing software program was mentioned.

Illinois Fund transfers for the month were distributed.

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

Supervisor Nolan reported that the paperwork for the Camp Creek Cemetery including an appraisal for the land gift has been completed.

Trustee Blickhan made a motion seconded by Trustee King to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk Duff

