

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

November 13, 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, Kathleen Piatt, and Tosha Valentine. Also present were township residents Chris Dick, Darrell Dick, Angela Pearl, Timothy Dick, Hudson Dick, Cemetery Sexton Frannie Dick, Sally Nolan, Tori Taylor, White Heath Rec Board president Pat Gleason, Thomas Scott, Jr., and Clerk Kevin Duff.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Under New Business, a motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Piatt to approve an agreement with the White Heath Rec League for a funding request for fencing at the new ball diamond. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The contractor would like to start installation before Thanksgiving if the Rec League's tax-exempt status is approved.

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Nolan presented Cemetery Sexton Frannie Dick as Sangamon Township resident of the year. Supervisor Nolan expounded on Sexton Dick's exemplary years of service especially to the families of the bereaved using the Township's cemeteries. Many touching, heartfelt and sometimes humorous stories were shared.

Cemetery Sexton told the Board that a gift of \$6k has been received from the Hayes family to be used for a new monument sign for Ingram's Cemetery. The Board agreed that if the monument sign cost slightly exceeded \$6k, the Board would cover the excess cost.

No Public Comments were offered.

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

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

Supervisor Nolan announced that the TIF district in the Township expires in 2029 with a resulting increase in Township revenue in 2030. In other announcements, Supervisor Nolan related to the Board the slow deliveries of checks being mailed to Blue Cross/Blue Shield for health insurance for the Township Road employees. Training opportunities with TOI were distributed.

In other new business, a motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve a contract with Assessor Mary Kingery for 2026 with the same terms as the 2025 contract. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Nolan will mail a signed copy of the contract to TOIRMA.

The light fixtures have been installed at the existing ball diamond with slightly higher cost with some safety improvements made that were discovered in the process. The total installation cost was \$13,800. The cost of operating the new LED lights is expected to be 1/3 the cost of the previous lights.

Light fixtures in the parking lot are to be installed later. Curt Durbin will haul 10 more loads of rock to expand the parking lot.

Lime for the infield at the new ball diamond is to be spread next spring.

The Rec League's Building committee will look at planning for future utilities and improvements at the new ball diamond. Trustee Blickhan will assist the committee.

Bill Blickhan volunteered to work with Aaron Brown of the White Heath Rec League to develop a plan for future construction at the new ball field.

The State will decide about next year's grant request before the new year.

The Board will recognize next year the gifts given to the Township and the Rec League for the Park.

The Park sign is ready to be painted and will be installed when weather permits.

Clerk Duff read the resolution for the Town Levy. A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee Valentine to approve the resolution and certificate for the Town Levy. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Duff read the resolution for the Road and Bridge Levy. A motion was made by Trustee Valentine and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to approve the resolution and certificate for the Road and Bridge Levy. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Copies of last year's budget were distributed for the Board to review in preparation for developing next year's budget.

Transfers and deposit summaries were distributed.

Under Old Business, a positive financial projection was distributed.

The suggestion was made to start next year's regular meetings earlier than 7:00 pm. A starting time of 6:30 pm was agreed.

A motion was made by Trustee Valentine and seconded by Trustee Blickhan to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Duff