

Regular Meeting Minutes St. Clair Township

DATE: August 27, 2013
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Clair Township Bldg
107 Service Street
Swansea, IL 62226

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Barnes, Supervisor
Brenda Reed, Clerk
Mary Carroll, Trustee
Greg Hipskind, Trustee
Keith Sturgis, Trustee
Jaynie Wells, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: William Stiehl Jr., Attorney

Curtis Williams	Dean Wallen
Cletis Cox	Steve Rebensdorff
Tonda Van Hoose	Doris Rebensdorff
Jeff Carmack	Rich Schobert
Tim Buchanan	Christopher Feister
Sue Don Carlos	Ruth Dehne
Guy Don Carlos	Terry Carroll
Peggy Perez	Deb Barnes
Mary Ann Schultz	

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the St. Clair Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

Road Commissioner Kernan and Assessor Knee were not in attendance.

APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Wells asked that the discussion about the Humane Society payment be included in the July 23 minutes. Trustee Hipskind wanted it to be noted that Mr. Burk acted as inspector on the Chenot Place project.

Motion was made by Trustee Hipskind, seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the July 23, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with amendments. Roll call vote. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Hipskind to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote. All in favor.

BUDGET REPORT

Motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Hipskind to approve the Budget Report. Roll call vote. All in favor.

MONTHLY BILLS

Motion was made by Trustee Hipskind, seconded by Trustee Wells to approve payment of the monthly bills. Roll call vote. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Carroll asked if there were any FOIA requests the board should be aware of. Supervisor Barnes stated there were not.

There were no new communications.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Delinquent sewer account report – Supervisor Barnes provided the report to trustees. There were no questions.
- Shut-off notices – Sixty notices have been sent since the last meeting.
- Wolf Branch tennis courts – Resurfacing was completed July 26, 2013. New nets and net crank systems were also installed. Supervisor Barnes said it looks fantastic!
- Repayment of IEPA loan – Illinois EPA sent a letter notifying the township of the amount and due date of the first repayment of the wastewater/drinking water loan for the UV upgrade at the sewer plant. The township is required to repay \$306,414.52 over a 20 year period. The first payment of \$10,173.57 is due January 20, 2014. The next thirty-eight payments in the amount of \$8,877.60 are due on July 20 and January 20 of each year through January 20, 2033. The annual interest rate is 1.25%.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The highway commissioner was not present.

Trustee Carroll asked Supervisor Barnes if there was any new information about the proposed development behind Weatherstone. Supervisor Barnes said he contacted the developer. The developer said the project is in its very early stages and the streets in the development would not connect to Weatherstone.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Feister, a resident of the township, respectfully asked Trustee Wells to decline from participating in sewer negotiations because of a conflict of interest. He stated her husband is a Swansea Trustee who campaigned on making sure the township paid its fair share to Swansea in regards to the sewer contract.

Guy Don Carlos asked if he heard correctly that the township had not received any FOIA requests. Supervisor Barnes clarified by stating he answered, "No," to Trustee Carroll's question about receiving any FOIA requests that "needed to be made known" to the board.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Greenbriar Lift Station generator replacement – Proposals for the generator replacement were received from Luby Equipment Services and Okawville Electric. Motion was made by Trustee Sturgis, seconded by Trustee Carroll to accept the low bid from Luby for the amount of \$25,589.00. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Supervisor Barnes talked to Vicki from TWM (Swansea's engineer) about Swansea paying \$13,000 toward the cost of replacing the generator because it services Swansea residents. She will present the idea to the Swansea Board.

- Park Committee – Resolution 2013-6, Resolution Establishing a Volunteer Park Committee was unanimously approved. Motion made by Trustee Hipskind, seconded by Trustee Sturgis. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Supervisor Barnes appointed Trustee Wells to serve as the Board's representative on the committee. Motion made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Hipskind to approve the appointment. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Trustee Wells said she has already been contacted by residents interested in serving on the committee. The tentative date for the first meeting is Monday, Sept. 16, 2013.

- November meeting date change – Supervisor Barnes suggested changing the meeting date in November to the third Tuesday, November 19, 2013, to avoid

conflict with any Thanksgiving travel plans. Motion to approve the change was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Wells. Roll call vote. All in favor.

- Loop Creek Tennis Courts – Proposals for resurfacing the tennis courts at Loop Creek Park were received from All Weather Courts, Inc. (\$9,670.00) and McConnell & Associates (\$12,435.00). Both bid amounts included a 2 year warranty. All Weather Courts had the low bid at \$9,670.00.

Motion to accept bid from All Weather Courts was made by Trustee Hipkind, seconded by Trustee Wells. Roll call vote. All in favor.

- Open House – Supervisor Barnes proposed the idea of having an Open House. Trustee Carroll asked if there would be public notice about the event. It was general consensus that evening hours on a week night would be a better time than a Friday afternoon.
- Route 15 sewer work and payment – The project is nearing completion. Payment of \$13,223.34 is currently due. The final payment of \$16,946.20 will be made when the project is complete.

Motion to make payment of \$13,223.34 to Kamadulski Excavating was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Hipkind. Roll call vote. All in favor.

- Personnel – nothing on agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:38 Trustee Hipkind made a motion to go into executive session to consider litigation and that the Board make a finding that legal action is probable or imminent. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sturgis. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Township Attorney, William Stiehl, Jr. left the meeting before the start of the executive session.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Hipkind, seconded by Trustee Wells to adjourn. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk