

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: July 23, 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: John "Skip" Kernan, Road Commissioner
Robert Knee, Assessor
Ron Stuckel, Engineer
William Stiehl Jr., Attorney

Curtis Williams	Dean Wallen
Cletis Cox	Frank Jackson
Tonda Van Hoose	Randy Bender
Jeff Carmack	Rich Schobert
Tim Buchanan	Jewel Frazier
Mike Greenfield	Sue Don Carlos
Guy Don Carlos	Keith Witter
Steven Keel, Keel Engineering	

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.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Carroll to approve the May 28, 2013, regular board meeting minutes as amended. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Trustee Carroll requested the addition of an explanation of her nay votes on the budgets. Motion was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Sturgis to approve the June 25, 2013, St. Clair Township Road District Budget Hearing and St. Clair Township Budget Hearing minutes with amendment. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Motion was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Hipkind to approve the June 25, 2013, Regular Meeting minutes with correction. Roll call vote. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BUDGET REPORT

There was discussion about a payment to be made to the Humane Society in the amount of \$3,000.00 in the Road Commissioner's budget. Trustees Sturgis and Carroll consider a payment to an entity without an invoice or contract to be a donation. They say money received as a tax from citizens should not be used to make donations. Road Commissioner Kernan insisted the payment to the Humane Society is not a donation. He referred to a letter from the Humane Society listing services they provide (spay, neuter, accepting turn-ins, vaccinations, microchip reading, education, compassion to animals). Trustees Hipkind and Wells agree the Humane Society provides a good service. Attorney Stiehl said it is not illegal for the township to make a payment without an invoice or contract. The Road Budget was passed in June with the Humane Society payment included.

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

MONTHLY BILLS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no new communications.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Delinquent sewer accounts report

Progress continues to be made in collecting delinquent amounts.

Shutoff notices sent

Shut-off notices are continuing to be sent. There has been some frustration with computer systems slowing the process. That is expected to be resolved.

Repairs Cresthaven, Las Olas, & Aaron/Fenwood

Sewer line repairs at these sites are scheduled to start Thursday, June 27.

Claims denied at 1221, 1225, & 1229 Preswyck Dr.

Claims for damages at these addresses have been denied by the township's insurance company.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Road employees are doing a good job keeping up with mowing, weed control, & tree trimming.
- Road employees will be oiling and chipping the next couple weeks.
- Mr. Kernan found a bill from the previous administration. The invoice dated April 19, 2013, is from Lafore Trucking. The amount is \$5,042.
- Mr. Kernan introduced Mr. Steven Keel of Keel Engineering, Inc.

Mr. Keel gave an explanation of his firm's involvement in the Shady Lane project, the probable cause of the pavement problems on the project and a quote for the cost of the currently needed repairs.

Mr. Keel provided the engineering design services for the Shady Lane project. Mr. Keel gave Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed with the job to Gleeson Asphalt. Keel Engineering staked the project. The former Road Commissioner, Mark Burk, took the responsibility of overseeing the work on the job and acting as inspector on the job.

Mr. Keel explained a maintenance approach was taken on the project to save dollars and make use of materials already there (roto-mill). The design was similar to a project on Aaron Drive that was completed two years ago.

Mr. Keel explained the reason for areas of failure in the pavement on Shady and Magnolia was heaving caused by ground moisture freezing. Using roto-milled material, an extremely hot and dry summer, and flat ground with no storm sewers to help alleviate run-off were probably all contributing factors.

Mr. Keel said using roto-milled product provided a significant savings. He estimated the cost would have been \$700,000 to \$800,000 instead of \$340,000 for the project.

The repair estimate for current problem areas is \$39,000 to \$64,000
\$39,000 for 3" Asphalt Pavement Patching on Shady and Magnolia
or
\$64,000 for 3" Asphalt Pavement Patching on Shady and part of
Magnolia and 200' at end of Magnolia by Carnation paved the
entire width with concrete.

Mr. Keel said he would expect the risk of additional problems with the pavement to be diminished because we had such a severe winter.

Trustee Hipskind asked Mr. Keel if it is typical for Township Road Commissioners to act as inspectors instead of hiring an inspector. Mr. Keel said some municipalities do their own inspection and some hire his firm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Buchanan suggested communication with the previous Road Commissioner about all the old bills that are being discovered so he can confirm the products and services were indeed received.

Keith Witter, Randy Bender, Mike Corrigan, and Carol Corrigan, residents of Weatherstone, expressed dismay about not being notified about the proposed development on property behind their subdivision. There was discussion about what the residents and the board can do to let their concerns be known and addressed. Mr. Kernan said he will investigate what the township can do.

BUSINESS ITEMS

HMG proposal for Scout Lift Station Evaluation

Motion was made by Trustee Hipskind, seconded by Trustee Carroll for approval of HMG Engineers, Inc. to perform an evaluation of the Scout Lift Station with the purpose of providing recommendations to prevent overflows. The cost of evaluation will not exceed \$3,500.00 Roll call vote. All in favor.

Greenbriar lift station generator replacement

Trustee Carroll raised the question of whether Swansea would be sharing the expense of replacing the generator because it services Swansea residents.

The proposal from Luby Equipment Services did not include the cost of installation. Supervisor Barnes stated he will talk to Swansea about sharing the expense and will get the cost including installation.

Motion was made by Trustee Hipskind, seconded by Trustee Sturgis to postpone a vote on the generator replacement until next meeting.

Payment to Kamadulski Excavation for Route 15 sewer relocation

Township Engineer, Ron Stuckel explained the third Payment Estimate from Kamadulski Excavating for work completed on the sewer relocation project from May 10 through July 23, 2013. The job is 95% complete. The final payment will not be made until the job is completed.

Motion was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Sturgis to pay \$106,240.68 to Kamadulski Excavating.

Swansea sewer negotiations

Supervisor Barnes met with Swansea Mayor, Ken Mueller to discuss sewer negotiations. They met with the township engineer and village engineer. Mr. Barnes said the engineers are writing a proposal that will be presented to the board. The proposal will be completed by the end of August.

Park volunteer program – Jaynie Wells

Trustee Wells presented the idea of forming a park board for the township. The volunteer board would provide an opportunity for citizens to be more involved with the township. A park board could give residents who use the parks a greater stake in park maintenance and development.

Supervisor Barnes informed the board it is necessary for the board to vote to approve the formation of a volunteer park board before the group can meet. A vote could not be taken immediately because it was not on the agenda as such. Legal counsel will be sought about the formation of a volunteer park board and the item will be put on the agenda for August.

Personnel

No items on agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items on agenda

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Hipskind, seconded by Trustee Carroll to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk