

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: May 28, 2013
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Clair Township Bldg
107 Service Street
Swansea, IL 62226

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Barnes, Supervisor
Brenda Reed, Clerk
Mary Carroll, Trustee
Greg Hipskind, Trustee
Keith Sturgis, Trustee
Jaynie Wells, Trustee
Skip Kernan, Road Commissioner
Robert Knee, Assessor
Ron Stuckel, Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:	Deb Barnes	John Frazier
	Dean Wallen	Robert Trentman
	Rich Schobert	Jo Kopp
	Kathy Kernan	Ron Bert
	Jeff Carmack	Mike Greenfield
	Doris Rebenstorff	Terry Carroll
	Steve Rebenstorff	

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

Trustee Carroll suggested two word omission corrections to the minutes.
Motion was made by Trustee Carroll and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the April 23, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Roll call vote. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Trustee Carroll and seconded by Trustee Sturgis to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote. All in favor.

BUDGET REPORT

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

MONTHLY BILLS

Motion was made by Trustee Wells and 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 Account Report – Supervisor Barnes provided a copy of the report for the board members. Mr. Barnes attributed the decrease in the amounts overdue to aggressive collection efforts and policy changes the last four years.
- Orchard Drive sewer back-up – A claim has been filed with the township insurance provider. There was discussion about the need for a policy so the township is consistent when responding to claims for damage due to sewer back-up.
- Scout Drive lift station overflow – Supervisor Barnes said letters were sent to owners of property to suggest installing backflow valves. Supervisor Barnes said HMG would like to address the board to present options to alleviate the problem instead of the installation of backflow valves as they just push the problem “down the line”.
- Accident with Vactor truck – Someone ran into the old Vactor truck and broke the mirror off their vehicle. That person has not contacted the township.
- Removed trees and logs from Loop Creek at sewer main crossing – The last heavy rain caused a debris jam at the main sewer plant at Loop Creek. The debris was removed by Meurer Brothers Tree Service.
- Open Meeting Act training – Supervisor Barnes provided information about OMA requirements and free electronic training.
- Holding pond on East “B” Street dredged – The holding pond at Oak Park was dredged by the owners of the property. This should help alleviate overflow onto “B” Street.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Commissioner Kernan informed the board he will prepare a tentative budget in February 2014 for the fiscal year beginning April 2014.
- 138 road projects have been identified. A prioritization plan is expected to be completed in two months.
- A pavement failure problem in Chenot Place on Magnolia will be diagnosed by Gleeson asphalt, the contractor who laid the road, as a favor to Commissioner Kernan.
- The township received a \$60,000 grant from the county to be used on roads before December 2014.
- To ease his transition into the position as Road Commissioner, Mr. Kernan offered to spend time with the previous commissioner. The previous commissioner did not accept his offer.
- Mr. Kernan will not take the health care coverage for his family.
- Commissioner Kernan has paid some bills that he said were overlooked by the previous commissioner.
- There is \$170,000 less in the checking accounts compared to this time last year.
- Commissioner Kernan had over 60 complaint calls about various issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

General public comment was made and accepted throughout the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Kent Loepker – Request waiving sewer bills during renovations for 6 months
The township charges for sewer service if the sewer line is not capped off at the tee. There was discussion considering allowances for owners making improvements to property and discussion about standard practices of charging for availability of utility services whether used or not. Motion was made by Trustee Wells and seconded by Trustee Sturgis to charge the minimum and deny the request to waive the sewer bills during renovations. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- B. Resolution 2013-3 – Resolution Authorizing Issuance of St Clair Township Credit Card to Supervisor Barnes
There was discussion about why the card is necessary, what the charge limit is, and why a local bank was not used.
Motion was made by Trustee Hipskind and seconded by Trustee Sturgis to approve Resolution 2013-3. Trustees Carroll, Sturgis, Hipskind, Supervisor Barnes – Yes. Trustee Wells – No.
- C. Resolution 2013-4 – Resolution Authorizing Issuance of St Clair Township Credit Card to Road Commissioner Kernan
There was discussion about why the card is necessary, what the charge limit is, and why a local bank was not used.
Motion was made by Trustee Hipskind and seconded by Trustee Sturgis to approve Resolution 2013-3. Trustees Carroll, Sturgis, Hipskind, Supervisor Barnes – Yes. Trustee Wells – No.
- D. Personnel – no items on agenda
- E. AT&T sewer main damage – denial of claim
Supervisor Barnes received a letter from AT&T insurance provider denying claim for boring through sewer line on Scout Drive. Based on the Statute of Repose in the state of Illinois, there is a 10 year limitation on claims for damages. AT&T placed the line in 1997.
- F. St. Clair Township Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Meeting will be June 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
St. Clair Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Meeting will be June 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
There was some discussion about both budgets so initial questions could be answered and the board would be in a better position to approve the budgets at the next meeting. Supervisor Barnes said notice of the meetings has been published in the newspaper.
- G. Ron Stuckel – update on Illinois 15 project and pay request
The round-about at Rt. 15 & 158 is about 2/3 complete. IDOT made a loan agreement with the township in the amount of \$300,000 for construction expenses. Upon the township's request IDOT makes payment to the contractor up to \$300,000. As Ron recalled, one year after construction ends three annual payments of \$100,000.00 are to be made to repay the loan.
- H. Approval of Kamadulski Excavating & Grading Co. Inc. invoice to be submitted to IDOT
Motion was made by Trustee Carroll and seconded by Trustee Hipskind to make a second pay request from IDOT to Kamadulski in the amount of \$90,732.33.
- I. Approve Ameren Illinois invoice for Rt. 15 and 158 sanitary lift station hook-up
An unexpected expense was incurred to extend 3 phase electric service and new gas service to the lift station relocated at Rts. 15 & 158 to accommodate construction of the round-about. For the project to continue without delay, payment must be approved. Motion was made by Trustee Carroll and seconded by Trustee Sturgis to pay Ameren Illinois \$12,135.35. Roll call vote. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - no items on agenda

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk