

## Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: March 8, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Clair Township  
107 Service Street  
Swansea, IL 62226

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Buchanan, Supervisor  
Mary Carroll, Clerk  
Dave Barnes, Trustee  
Richard Schobert, Trustee  
Bob Trentman, Trustee  
Greg Bridgman, Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Ron Stuckel (arrived 7:30 p.m.)  
Bill Stiehl (arrived 7:30 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Wallen

### Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the St. Clair Township Board was called to order by Supervisor, Tim Buchanan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call found that Mark Burk and Bob Knee were not present .

### Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 8, 2011:

A motion was made by Trustee Schobert to approve the February 8, 2011 Regular Board Meeting minutes with one correction. It was seconded by Trustee Bridgman. Roll call vote. All in favor.

### Monthly Supervisor's Treasurer's Report

Trustee Bridgman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

### Monthly Bills

Trustee Schobert made a motion to approve the monthly bills. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

### Communications

Supervisor Buchanan pointed out there was a letter in the Board Member packets from Sharon Hamilton of RSVP thanking the Township for the contact to help get the matching grant funds.

## Supervisor's Report

- Insurance Claims - Supervisor Buchanan said there was a back-up at 19 Northland Drive and it has been turned in to insurance.
- Delinquent Sewer Accounts – Provided report.
- Block Grant - Supervisor Buchanan reported the executed Block Grant for the East Main Street project was received. This will allow \$60,000 toward improvement of East Main Street.
- CDBG Glen Addie and Old Lincolnshire - He also reported that he found out that Old Lincolnshire is not eligible for grant funding but Glenn Addie may be eligible for funding based on our survey. The Road Commissioner is also preparing an application for the CBDG as well.
- Health Insurance - Supervisor Buchanan said he talked to two other agents with regard to the health insurance. He said he would be okay working with either of these two, as well as the original agent he talked to. He asked both of them to submit bids.

## Highway Commissioner's Report

Supervisor Buchanan reported in Commissioner's Burk's absence that he is looking to vacate a piece of property on Mine Haul Road.

Supervisor Buchanan asked the Board to skip to letter I of the agenda so that while Engineer Stuckel was available, he could address the Sewer Ordinance Amendments.

I. Sewer Ordinance Amendments - Supervisor Buchanan said there were a lot of changes from the original to the new document, and that Ron Stuckel would explain the parts he changed. There was a thorough review of each change and subsequent questions and answers. At that time, resident Dean Wallen noted that the Public Comment section was skipped and asked if he could make a comment. Mr. Wallen said he recently read an article on wind turbines, and he suggested the Board look into this. He also wanted to know that if the sewer line under the street and the collector line breaks, who is responsible for it. Supervisor Buchanan said in that case, the homeowner would be responsible from where the line taps into the main line. He said this has not changed, and it has always been their responsibility. At that time, Trustee Schobert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-2 that amends the current wastewater ordinance. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Trentman-NO, Bridgman-YES, Schobert-YES, Barnes-YES, Buchanan-YES. 1-NO, 4=YES. Motion carries.

## Public Comments

See above.

## Business Items

A. St. Clair County Township Officials Dues - The Township received an invoice for \$100 to pay for dues. There was discussion around whether the Township received any benefit from this organization and if the Township should continue to pay the dues. Trustee Schobert said he thinks it keeps the Townships in touch. He made a motion to pay the dues. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Trentman-YES, Bridgman-NO, Schobert-YES, Barnes=YES, Buchanan-YES. 4-YES, 1-NO. Motion carries.

B. Change the August Board Meeting from the 9th to the 16th - Supervisor Buchanan asked if it would be okay to change the date of the August Board Meeting. Trustee Barnes made a

motion to change the meeting from August 9, 2011 to August 16, 2011. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

C. Adopt Town Meeting Agenda -The agenda for the 4/12/11 meeting was available for review. Trustee Schobert made a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

D. Agreement with Illinois Department of Natural Resources for Vicksburg Drive Sewer Repair - Supervisor Buchanan reviewed the information and there were no questions.

E. Community Development Block Grant Resolution (Glenn Addie Sewer Improvement) - Supervisor Buchanan asked the Board for permission to sign the agreement. Trustee Schobert made a motion to allow Supervisor Buchanan to sign the agreement. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

F. Sewer Late Payment Charges - While discussing the sewer ordinance (see above) Supervisor Buchanan noted that one change he proposed was to change the current late charge of 3% to 10% to keep more in line with other municipalities. After discussion, it was agreed to keep the late fee at 3%.

G. Transfer of Appropriations - Supervisor Buchanan directed the Board to the Transfer of Appropriations included in the packets. Trustee Bridgman made the motion to approve the budget transfers. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

H. HSHS Medical Group Agreement - Supervisor Buchanan said that by state law the Township is mandated to have drug screening checks on anyone who drive large trucks. Supervisor Buchanan asked for approval to sign the contract from HSHS Medical Group to perform the drug screenings. Trustee Schobert made a motion to allow Supervisor Buchanan to approve the contract. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

I. Sewer Ordinance Agreement - Already discussed. See above.

J. Continuing Budget Resolution. Supervisor Buchanan asked for an approval to continue spending based on the previous budget until the new budget is approved. Trustee Bridgman made a motion to approve the Continuing Budget Resolution Number 2011-4. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

K. Pond Maintenance Contract - Supervisor Buchanan received the contract from Landscape Horticultural Services for maintenance of the pond in Centennial Park. He said he asked them if we could eliminate the chemical that cost \$300, and they said yes it would not be necessary. The invoice went from \$900 to \$600, and we will now be sharing this expense with Swansea so the cost will only \$300 for the Township. Trustee Barnes made a motion to approve the lake and pond maintenance proposal. Trustee Trentman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

L. Centennial Park Agreement - Supervisor Buchanan said the agreement is still in Swansea's hands.

M. Release of Closed Session Minutes. - Clerk Carroll advised that all the executive session minutes remain closed and the board approved.

At 8:54 p.m. Trustee Barnes made a motion that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of considering the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by St. Clair Township, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a Township employee, discussion of Minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act for the purpose of semi-annual review of the Minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act, and for the purpose of considering litigation, and the Board finds that an action involving the Township is probable or imminent. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bridgman. Roll call vote. All in favor.

At 9:11 p.m. Trustee Bridgman made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

There being no further business, Trustee Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schobert seconded. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Carroll  
Township Clerk