

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: April 12, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Buchanan, Supervisor
Mary Carroll, Clerk
Mark Burk, Road Commissioner
Robert Knee, Assessor
Dave Barnes, Trustee
Richard Schobert, Trustee
Bob Trentman, Trustee
Greg Bridgman, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Wallen Guy DonCarlos
Sue DonCarlos Herschel Butler
Debbie Downard Lanny Downard

Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the St. Clair Township Board was called to order by Supervisor, Tim Buchanan with the Pledge of Allegiance. All present.

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

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

Minutes of the Executive Session held at the Regular Board Meeting on March 8, 2011:

A motion was made by Trustee Bridgman to approve the March 8, 2011 Executive Session minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Barnes. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 22, 2011:

A motion was made by Trustee Bridgman with correction to approve the March 22, 2011 Special Board Meeting minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Schobert. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Minutes of the Executive Session held at the Special Board Meeting on March 22, 2011:

A motion was made by Trustee Bridgman to approve the March 22, 2011 Executive Session minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Barnes. 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 Barnes made a motion to approve the monthly bills. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Communications

None.

Supervisor's Report

- Insurance Claims - Supervisor Buchanan said there was a driveway on Cedar Mill Drive that was sinking. It had been jacked up once before and he inquired with the company that did the work, and found there is a three year guarantee.
- Delinquent Sewer Accounts – Provided report.
- Glenn Addie Low to Moderate Income Survey Results Approved by HUD - Supervisor Buchanan reported the application has been submitted to St. Clair County and we will have to wait to see if we are allotted any money..
- Park Employee Sharing Annual Costs for FY 2010-2011 was \$59,238. - Supervisor Buchanan said the Township budgeted \$70,000 for shared employee costs, but only needed \$59,237.
- Northland Drive Manhole Settling - Supervisor Buchanan provided a map for the Trustees to review. He said there was a sewer backup in the area indicated on the map and they discovered water in the manhole. He pointed out that area A on the map is higher than area B and the problem was due to subsidence. He said we would be applying for a grant for repairs. However, in the meantime, we would clean it out more than usual.
- Local Government Healthcare Plan Eligibility - Supervisor Buchanan said that at the last meeting, Trustee Barnes asked if we discontinue to the current government healthcare plan, can we get back in with it if ever needed. Supervisor Buchanan provided an e-mail from Diann Reed of Local Government Health Plan indicating that yes, we would be able to.
- Salt Barn Property Appraisal - A property appraisal for \$30,000 was provided to the Board for review.
- Sewer Ordinance - Supervisor Buchanan said this was not on the agenda, but wanted to provide an update. He said that there have been so many changes to the sewer ordinance that the entire ordinance will need to be published, but he wants to make sure it is right before he does so. He asked the Board if they were okay with Engineer Dave Rodden, reviewing the draft before it is published. The cost would be \$150 per hour. Trustee Schobert said this was a good idea. There were no other objections.

Highway Commissioner's Report

- Commissioner Burk said that road employee, Dan Voegtle, retired effective 3/31/11 and he plans to call back laid off employee, Jeff Harris, back to work.
- He said the Township is planning to vacate property on Mine Haul Road. He said the decision is with the County (Darrell Cates) and he will be making the final choice. He said that different options were provided to the neighbors. He also added that it is not fair to the taxpayers for the Township to maintain two entrances. He said the State is for vacating the property because it will save them money also. Burk said he will be looking at vacating other properties where the Township cuts grass because they are all liabilities to the Township.

Public Comments

Dean Wallen asked who did the appraisal for the salt barn property? Supervisor Buchanan said it was a person who lives in Swansea. The name of the company is Commercial Appraisal Network.

Business Items

A. Centennial Park Agreement - Supervisor Buchanan said we have received the agreement back from Swansea. It is a three year agreement and the cost to maintain the park will be split between the Township and Swansea. He pointed out that the only addition since the last time it was reviewed was an indemnification clause that was added. Supervisor Buchanan read the Agreement by Title. Trustee Barnes made a motion to approve the Agreement Between St. Clair Township and The Village of Swansea on the Use, Maintenance and Improvement of Centennial Park. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

B. Ordinance 2011-3 (Sewer Ordinance Amendment) - Supervisor Buchanan said we will not vote on it tonight.

C. Sewer Emergency Answer Service Agreement - Supervisor Buchanan said he researched and found a suitable answering service (Cal Johnson's Message Center, Inc.) for after hour sewer emergencies. The cost is \$50 a month for fifty transactions per month. There was a \$50 set up fee, but Supervisor Buchanan asked to have that waived and they agreed. A copy of the agreement was provided to the Trustees. Trustee Bridgman made a motion to approve Supervisor Buchanan signing the Service Agreement with Cal Johnson's Message Center, Inc. It was seconded by Trustee Barnes. Roll call vote. All in favor.

D. Identity-Protection Policy - Supervisor Buchanan distributed a copy of an Identity-Protection Policy that has to be put in place to protect the employee's social security numbers. Trustee Bridgman made a motion to approve the policy. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

E. Hydro Services Request for Fuel Surcharge. - Supervisor Buchanan explained that Hyrdro Services maintains our sewer plant and lift stations. We have a three year contract and we are one year into it. Due to fuel prices going up they want to charge us a surcharge to bear the cost of the fuel expenses. Trustee Bridgman said that he is opposed to it because unfortunately, everyone is taking a hit during these tough economical times. Trustee Schobert said sometimes giving someone some sugar goes a long way. Trustee Barnes said the language is complicated and we would need to be able to understand it. Supervisor Buchanan agreed and said that he would ask for cleaner language before a decision is made.

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 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Carroll
Township Clerk