

Special Meeting
St. Clair Township

DATE: June 29, 2010

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Robert Knee, Assessor

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Wallen
Rhonda Burk
Peggy Buchanan
John Frazier
Jewel Frazier
Frank Frazier
Deb Barnes
Guy DonCarlos
Sue DonCarlos
Krista Taveres
Keith Sturgis

Roll Call:

The special meeting of the St. Clair Township Board was called to order by Supervisor, Tim Buchanan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. All present except for Assessor, Robert Knee.

Public Comment:

Supervisor Buchanan asked for any public comment. Richard Schobert asked Supervisor Buchanan if he knew what happened to the hockey goals at the Wolf Branch rink? He said they were missing. Supervisor Buchanan was unaware of this, and said he would look into it.

Business Items:

a) Prevailing Wage Supervisor Buchanan asked if there were any comments or questions about the prevailing wage. Trustee Barnes made a motion to pass the Prevailing Wage Ordinance and it was seconded by Trustee Bridgman. Roll call vote. All in favor.

b) Summer Adjustments Supervisor Buchanan directed the Trustees to the copy of the St. Clair Township Wastewater Ordinance that was in their packets. He read out loud section (e) which addresses summer adjustments and talked about the ways a taxpayer could benefit from this. Supervisor Buchanan said this was noted on the sewer bills.

c) Swansea Sewer Use Agreement Supervisor Buchanan we are waiting for Swansea to reply to our questions and concerns.

d) IEPA Loan for UV Plant Upgrade Supervisor Buchanan asked for permission to allow him to obtain an IEPA loan for the upgrade. Trustee Schobert made a motion to allow Supervisor Buchanan to obtain a loan from IEPA for the sewer plant upgrade. It was seconded by Trustee Barnes. Roll call vote. All in favor.

e) Township Budget Supervisor Buchanan pointed out that everyone in the audience received a copy of the proposed budget and that Board members also received a worksheet to review.

Supervisor Buchanan said he changed the line item for the 201 Service Street property, because Swansea has closed on the sale of this property, and we now know the amount the Township will be receiving.

Trustee Trentman then made a motion to fund the Animal Control (Humane Society) budget for \$3,000. Trustee Schobert seconded it. Supervisor Buchanan asked if there were any questions or discussion before voting on it. There discussion regarding whether or not it was right for the Board to donate taxpayer's money to a particular charity. Supervisor Buchanan read out loud the legal decision from legal counsel that addressed the fact that at one time the Humane Society provided some animal control services to the Township. However, St. Clair County has assumed those responsibilities. The legal opinion said that absent a contractual obligation to pay, it would be improper for the Township to make a charitable contribution. After the discussion, roll call vote was taken. Buchanan-No, Trentman-Yes, Bridgman-No, Schobert-Yes, Barnes-No. (Yes's 2, No's 3) The motion failed.

Supervisor Buchanan pointed out that on Page 4 of the worksheet there were numerous changes to the General Assistance and asked if there were any questions.

Regarding Page 5, Trustee Trentman said we should do the lights at Loop Creek Park as promised. Supervisor Buchanan said he has a meeting next week to see how much it would cost and was hoping this could still be accomplished.

Supervisor Buchanan said that he would go into more detail regarding Line Item 362 - Sewage Treatment Charges later in the meeting.

Trustee Trentman asked about Line Item 539 for the flow monitoring expenses. Supervisor Buchanan said it had already been budgeted before we had the exact amount and that was why it was higher than the actual costs will be.

After review of rest of the budget, Supervisor Buchanan then directed everyone's attention to a marker board that had figures on it related to the sewage treatment charges. He went into detail to explain how he had come up with the budgeted expense for sewage treatment expenses.

After there were no more questions and the budget had been reviewed in detail, Trustee Bridgman made a motion to approve the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for St. Clair Township Ordinance 2010-11. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Buchanan-Yes, Trentman-No, Bridgman-Yes, Schobert-No, Barnes,-Yes. (Yes's 3, No's 2). Motion passed.

f) Proposed Swansea Report Articles Supervisor Buchanan directed the Board members to the proposed Swansea newsletter articles. Supervisor Buchanan said he has discussed with Swansea Trustee, Jason Keck, the option of putting some Township articles in the Swansea newsletter. Mr. Keck is going to ask the Swansea Board for approval to publish these articles in their newsletter.

Trustee Trentman said he thought we were mailing to all Township residents? Supervisor Buchanan reminded him that we would like to mail it to everyone, but in an effort to reduce costs we were only going to mail it to those residents who are sewer customers. The Swansea newsletter was an option to reach out to those residents who live in Swansea. Trustee Bridgman made a motion to approve the articles or the Swansea newsletter. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Trustee Bridgman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion.
Roll call vote. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Carroll
Township Clerk