

Special Board Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: December 27, 2010

TIME: 7:30 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
Greg Bridgman, Trustee
Mark Burk, Hwy Commissioner
Robert Knee, Assessor

STAFF PRESENT: William Stiehl, Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Henry Walson
Linda Graham
Terry Carroll

Roll Call:

The St. Clair Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Buchanan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. All present except for Trustee Trentman.

Public Comments: None

Supervisor's Report:

A. Update on UV Sewer Project: Supervisor Buchanan said that the Engineer (Rhutasel) informed him that the project will take more engineering and structural work than originally proposed and the cost will be going up considerably. He did say that the engineer can adjust the request for the EPA loan and roll the additional expenses into the original loan amount. There was some discussion as to who should be responsible for these extra costs. It was agreed that Supervisor Buchanan would invite Larry Rhutasel to the next meeting to explain the situation.

B. Resolution Letter to Attorney General: Supervisor Buchanan said he responded to the Attorney General's office regarding the citizen complaint about the sewer increase. This is resolved.

C. Road Settling by Manholes on Anderson Lane: Supervisor Buchanan said that everything looks fine with the manholes. He said we will be willing to work with Shiloh to repair the road, but it doesn't look like the manholes or sewer lines are settling.

Business Items:

A. St. Clair Township Road District Tax Levy: Road Commissioner Burk said that he would be requesting \$465,000 in tax levy for the General Road Fund. This is for informational purposes only and the Board will not vote on this. However, it must be certified to the Board that he presented this information. Trustee Schobert made a motion to certify in writing to the levying of taxes in the St. Clair Township Road District in the amount of \$465,000. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

B. St. Clair Township Road District Tax Abatement for Permanent Road Fund: Road Commissioner Burk is reducing the Permanent Road Tax in order to lower the tax rate paid by the taxpayers in the amount of \$75,000 making the total amount collected \$944,873. Trustee Bridgman asked Road Commissioner Burk how he is able to keep the road costs down? Road Commissioner Burk said by constant streamlining and watching every penny, they are able to keep the costs down. Trustee Schobert made a motion to certify in writing to the abatement and reduction of permanent road tax in the St. Clair Township Road District making the total amount collected by taxation \$944,873. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

C. St. Clair Township Tax Levy: In follow-up to public hearing explanation, Trustee Bridgman made a motion to adopt the tax levy in the amount \$314,000. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Bridgman-Yes, Schobert-No, Barnes-Yes, Buchanan-Yes. 3-Yes 1-No. Motion carries.

D. Swansea Sewer Emergency Help Agreement: Supervisor Buchanan directed the Board to the agreement in their packets. He said this agreement will be used in case of an emergency. either party will help the other and the cost incurred will be paid by the party incurring the emergency. Trustee Bridgman made a motion to approve the Agreement to Provide Emergency Sewer Assistance. It was seconded by Trustee Schobert. Roll call vote. All in favor.

E. 2011 Meeting Schedule: Supervisor Buchanan proposed that the Township meetings in 2011 be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Barnes made a motion to approve the 2011 meeting schedule. Trustee Schobert seconded it. Roll call vote. All in favor.

F. Call for Special Town Meeting: Supervisor Buchanan said that a Special Town Meeting will be needed to approve the sale and/or disposal of surplus property and to approve fund transfers. Trustee Barnes made a motion to direct the Town Clerk to call a Special Town Meeting on January 11, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. to approve the sale and/or disposal of surplus property and to transfer money between funds. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

G. Special Town Meeting Agenda: Supervisor Buchanan asked the Board members to review the draft agenda included in the Board packets. Trustee Bridgman made a motion to approve the draft agenda. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Trustee Bridgman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Carroll
Township Clerk