

St. Clair Township Regular Meeting

DATE: October 22, 2013
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Clair Township Bldg
107 Service Street
Swansea, IL 62226

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Barnes, Supervisor
Brenda Reed, Clerk
Mary Carroll, Trustee
Greg Hipskind, Trustee
Keith Sturgis, Trustee
Jaynie Wells, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: John "Skip" Kernan, Road Commissioner
Robert Knee, Assessor
Ron Stuckel, Engineer

Dean Wallen	Deb Barnes
Tonda Van Hoose	Michael Cannon
Cletis Cox	Gene Kish
Jeff Carmack	Angela Grossmann-Roewe
Sue Don Carlos	Guy Don Carlos
William Bremen Sr.	

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the St. Clair Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Carroll wanted it to be noted she voted "no" on paying the bills in September because she felt putting the names of the Supervisor and Road Commissioner on the window was an unnecessary expense.

Trustee Carroll wanted it to be noted she suggested the open house be held during a time not as busy as the holiday season.

Supervisor Barnes asked that it be added that food donations received at the open house will be distributed to local food pantries.

Motion was made by Trustee Sturgis, seconded by Trustee Carroll to approve the September 24, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Roll call vote. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BUDGET REPORT

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

MONTHLY BILLS

Motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Sturgis to approve payment of the monthly bills. Roll call vote. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barnes reported the township's sewer-line inspection camera needed rescue last week. The camera became stuck on rocks while on mission in a Glen Addie sewer line. After the rescue an emergency repair of the 16 foot deep line was required. Midwest Excavating performed the rescue and repair.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Delinquent Sewer Account Report – The amounts past due continue to fluctuate.
- Shut-off Notices – A list of shut-off notices was provided for the trustees to review.
- Park Board Report – Trustee Wells reported they have had their second meeting and the board is complete. The Park Board is prioritizing the list of improvements they have compiled and will present them to the Township Board in the near future. Two members of the Swansea Park Board's Strategic Planning Committee will attend the next Township Park Board meeting to discuss Centennial Park.
- Senior Focus Group - Trustee Wells also reported on the formation of a Senior Citizen Focus Group. It will meet Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Building. The Area Agency on Aging sent post cards to about 200 township residents to inform them of the group.
- IEPA Inspection – The sewer plant was inspected September 26, 2013. Supervisor Barnes read the press release he wrote in regard to the inspection. (attached)
- Swansea Sewer Negotiations – Supervisor Barnes has heard nothing from Swansea since the last township meeting. He read a letter he sent to Swansea in regard to the sewer contract. (attached)

- Grease Trap Variance Request – Supervisor Barnes granted permission for Atif Khan to install a 50 gallon, interior grease trap instead of a 1,000 gallon, exterior grease trap in a proposed Penn Station Subs restaurant in the store front on Carlyle Avenue that was formerly Block Buster Video.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Cannon had questions for Road Commissioner Kernan. Supervisor Barnes said the questions would have to be address after the meeting because the Road Commissioner was not on the agenda.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Scout Lift Station – Brian Buchheit of HMG Engineers, Inc. explained the study his firm did on the lift station and the recommendation to alleviate problems. A packet (attached) was provided to each trustee. The project is expected to cost about \$60,000.
- Route 15 Lift Station – Ron Stuckel, Township Engineer, explained the need for a temporary concrete barrier at the lift station while construction is ongoing at the round-about. The cost will be about \$2,000.

Motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Hipskind to place barriers to protect the lift station at Route 15. Roll call vote. All in favor.

- St. George Sewer Project – Ron Stuckel, Township Engineer, explained the project was to line sewer pipes. The township received a \$59,000 grant for the project. The project must be completed by December 2013. Two bids were received.
 - Visu-Sewer of Missouri dba Walden Technologies - \$36, 493.75
 - SAK Construction - \$39,643.75

Mr. Stuckel recommended accepting the bid from Visu-Sewer.

Motion was made by Trustee Hipskind, seconded by Trustee Wells to recommend that Dave have the authority to move forward with the St. George Project. Roll call vote. All in favor.

At 7:54 Supervisor Barnes suggested the Board of Trustees take a short break because the labor attorney was not expected until 8:00 p.m.

At 8:03 Supervisor Barnes announced the Board of Trustees was back from break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Collective Bargaining Agreement

At 8:04 motion that the Board of Trustees go into Executive Session to consider litigation that the board make a legal finding that legal action is probable or imminent was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Sturgis.

At 9:18 motion to adjourn Executive Session was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Sturgis. Voice vote. All in favor.

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hipkind, seconded by Trustee Carroll. Voice vote. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk