

**St. Clair Township Road District Budget Hearing
and
St. Clair Township Budget Hearing**

DATE: March 25, 2014
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Clair Township Bldg
107 Service Street
Swansea, IL 62226

CALL TO ORDER

The budget hearing for St. Clair Township Road District and St. Clair Township was called to order by Supervisor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Dave Barnes, Trustees Mary Carroll, Jaynie Wells, and Keith Sturgis

Absent: Trustee Greg Hipskind

Others Present:	Tonda VanHoose	Cletis L. Cox
	Steve Duff	Dean Wallen
	John Frazier	Sue DonCarlos
	Sue Gruberman	Curtis Williams
	Ruth Dehne	Terry Carroll
	Jeff Carmack	Sandra M. Watt

PUBLIC COMMENTS – ROAD BUDGET

Supervisor Barnes asked for public comment about the Road Budget.

Steve Duff asked Road Commissioner Kernan if he would be abating the permanent road tax. Mr. Kernan said he cannot abate the permanent road tax because he needs it.

Guy DonCarlos had questions about money budgeted for contingencies, emergencies, Chenot Place, wages, and workmens' compensation insurance. Mr. DonCarlos had some questions that were unable to be answered because Road Commissioner Kernan had made changes to the budget after it was posted and he did not have the original tentative budget.

Sue Don Carlos asked what kind of truck was going to be purchased and what wage the sewer employees were paid when they did road work. Road Commissioner Kernan said it is a dump truck and the sewer employees get their normal wage.

Vladimir Halupa gave Road Commissioner Kernan letters concerning the condition of the streets from residents on Shady Lane and Magnolia .

Ishaq Shafiq said the firm that did the work on Magnolia should be held accountable.

DISCUSS ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Trustee Carroll asked about the budgeting for repairs in Chenot Place and about the road construction line item in the permanent road fund that was budgeted at \$650,000 for 2013-14 and \$97 was actually spent.

Road Commissioner Kernan left the meeting at 6:35p.m.

Trustee Hipskind arrived at 6:35p.m.

Because the road commissioner left the budget hearing before all trustees had a chance to ask questions, Trustee Carroll made a motion to delay the vote on the Road Budget. Trustee Sturgis seconded. There was discussion about when to have another budget hearing for the road district. Mr. Kernan was not present to confirm when he would be available so a definite date could not be set. It was decided the hearing would be sometime before April 30, 2014.

Trustee Carroll made a motion to have another Road Budget Hearing no later than April 30, 2014. Trustee Sturgis seconded. Roll call vote. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT – TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Supervisor Barnes asked for public comment about the township budget.

Steve Duff suggested making a 2 or 3 year budget plan instead of a yearly budget.

Sue DonCarlos asked about the phone, attorneys' fees, funeral and burial services, and shelter line items.

DISCUSS TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Supervisor Barnes then asked for discussion of the budget among the board.

Trustee Wells asked if Supervisor Barnes was planning on hiring another employee. He said he is considering it especially after 3 of 3 employees were sick or injured in the last week. Trustee Carroll stated thorough justification should be provided before a new employee is hired. Trustee Sturgis said hiring a fourth person would help with call-out scheduling.

Trustee Wells asked if there was a prioritized list for sewer line repairs. Supervisor Barnes informed her there is a list.

Trustee Wells questioned whether the line item to which sewer line repairs were allocated was correct. Supervisor Barnes said he would investigate and get her an answer.

Trustee Hipskind made a motion to approve Budget Ordinance 2014-1. Trustee Sturgis seconded. Roll call vote. All in favor.

At 7:18 Trustee Carroll made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing. Trustee Hipskind seconded. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: May 27, 2014