

Special Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: June 3, 2014
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: St Clair Township Bldg.
107 Service St.
Swansea, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Barnes, Trustees Carroll and Wells.

Absent: Trustees Sturgis and Hipkind.

A quorum was present.

Other officials present: Clerk Brenda Reed

Others present: Attorney Michael Lowenbaum

Jeff Carmack

Angela Ramirez

Bob Buechler

Sue Gruberman

Steve Joyce

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Barnes asked for public comments.

Jeff Carmack wanted it to be clear that the grievance is about the township paying 100% of the dental, vision, and prescription drug insurance premium for employees. He questioned whether a decision had been made in regard to the grievance. Supervisor Barnes said no decision had been made. Mr. Carmack also questioned whether it was appropriate for the township to not abide by the implemented provisions under which the employees are currently working.

Sue Gruberman asked if the board would be voting on a decision regarding the grievance after the executive session. Supervisor Barnes stated the attorney would be sending a response to the employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:33 Trustee Carroll made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss collective bargaining negotiating matters, Supervisor Barnes seconded. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Barnes. No – Wells. Motion passed.

The board returned from executive session at 6:43

VOTE ON DATE FOR RESPONSE

It was decided the board needed to discuss and vote on what the response to the grievance would be. Neither discussion nor vote was on the agenda for the current meeting. To allow for discussion at the next township board meeting, Union Representative Steve Joyce agreed to extend the response time for this step of the grievance beyond ten days.

Supervisor Barnes made a motion for Mr. Lowenbaum to send a response letter within three working days after the next board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Carroll. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Barnes. No – Wells. Motion passed.

The employees will continue to pay 20% of their insurance premiums while the grievance is in the process of being resolved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: 6/24/2014