

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: November 17, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Clair Township Bldg.
107 Service Street
Swansea, IL

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Barnes
Trustees Mary Carroll, Jaynie Wells, Keith Sturgis, Greg Hipkind
Absent: none

Officials Present: Clerk Brenda Reed, Road Commissioner Skip Kernan

Others Present: Terry Bruckert, Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C.
Dean Wallen Leo Stephen
Vladimir Halupa Jill Halupa
Chad Rhutasel I. N.

APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the October 27, 2015 minutes. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes read the beginning and ending balances of each fund for the month of October.

	<u>October 1, 2015</u>	<u>October 31, 2015</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 491,036.24	\$ 486,007.24
General Assistance Fund	\$ 82,213.95	\$ 79,774.69
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 185,650.12	\$ 182,631.00
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 410,194.86	\$ 391,336.79
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 976,310.81	\$ 749,183.78
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 4,770,065.25	\$ 4,735,447.64

Trustee Hipskind made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

BUDGET REPORT

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the Budget Report. Supervisor Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Road Commissioner Kernan reported Elizabeth Drive is finished from Frank Scott Parkway to Paulette. Work is in progress on Plankway and Oxen. New spreaders have been installed on the dump truck that should save road salt. There is a bid opening Thursday.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes reported there is not much change in the past due sewer billing. It was suggested filing dates for liens be included on the report provided to the board.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Park Board President Dean Wallen reported the November meeting was cancelled due to weather. The next meeting is December 9 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jill Halupa suggested educating residents on proper ways to deal with fallen leaves. She said people in her neighborhood are blowing them into the street and burning them in the street and ditches causing damage to the road and drainage problems.

Vladimir Halupa asked if it would be possible to get a digital speed display sign parked on the repaved streets in Chenot Place.

Guy DonCarlos requested that someone look at the condition of the road at Winthrop and Patrick Drive.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- St. Clair Township Tax Levy Ordinance 2015-3 – The General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund amounts were decreased from the previous year. The Park Maintenance Fund was increased but there was no change in the total tax levy from the previous year. Trustee Hipskind made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-3 as presented. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

- St. Clair Road District Tax Levy Ordinance 2015-R3 – There was no change in the total levy from the previous year. Trustee Wells made a motion to accept the tax levy for the Road District (Ordinance 2015-R3) as presented. Trustee Hipskind seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Wells, Hipskind. No – Carroll, Barnes. Present – Sturgis. Motion failed.
- Insurance renewal – Leo Stephan, a representative of Warma, Witter, Kreisler & Associates, Inc., explained the increase of \$1,819.00 for property insurance and liability insurance to \$64,899 was mainly due to acquiring new vehicles. He explained the \$14,369.00 increase in the Worker’s Comp premium to \$57,838 is due to an increase in projected payroll for 2016 and an increase in the rate. Trustee Hipskind made a motion to approve the insurance package from Illinois Risk Management Trust and worker’s comp insurance from Illinois Public Risk Fund as presented by Mr. Stefan. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Hydro Service Contract – It was suggested that a comparison of the cost of a Township employee as opposed to the cost of a contract employee be made before the next Service Agreement for services at the sewer plant is due. Trustee Wells made a motion to accept the three year Service Agreement from Hydro Services, Inc. for services at the wastewater treatment plant and lift stations. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 p.m. Trustee Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hipskind seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: December 15, 2015