

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: December 15, 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 Emily Hipkind
Vladimir Halupa Jill Halupa

APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the November 17, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Sturgis 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 November.

	<u>November 1, 2015</u>	<u>November 30, 2015</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 486,007.24	\$ 477,221.30
General Assistance Fund	\$ 79,774.69	\$ 77,841.51
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 182,631.00	\$ 179,354.75
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 391,336.79	\$ 390,632.76
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 749,183.78	\$ 692,816.23
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 4,735,447.64	\$ 4,874,899.60

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

BUDGET REPORT

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barnes reported the Village of Swansea has filed a Third Party Complaint against St Clair Township with regard to the lawsuit filed by Trentman, Wallen, and Varady.

There was a back-up in White Castle Friday evening (Green Mount and Frank Scott Parkway). Upon examining the sewer line it was discovered the township's lines were not the problem. McDonald's sewer line had been bored through and was causing the problem.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Road Commissioner Kernan shared that his attorney advised him to dismiss the case filed concerning liability for road pavement problems in Chenot Place. Work on Horizon Drive in Highland Hills is in progress. Concrete work has been done in Woodfield and Oak Park. Many storm drain drop boxes have been repaired.

The board discussed the need for a remedy for people who burn leaves in the street and those who blow leaves in the street.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes reported 72 shut off notices were sent with December sewer billing. There is not much change on past due amounts.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Park Board President Dean Wallen provided information about native plant butterfly gardens or Monarch Waystations the park board would like to see established at multiple locations. The cost of each garden would be approximately \$100.00. Volunteer Day at Centennial Park is Monday, January 18, 2016. The park board is looking into the possibility of renting goats to graze in Centennial Park to help control invasive plants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jill Halupa asked if there is a county ordinance about littering and if blowing leaves in the street could be considered littering.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Road District Tax Levy – Trustee Hipskind made a motion to approve the St. Clair Road District Tax Levy Ordinance 2015-R3. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Wells, Sturgis, Hipskind, Barnes. No – Carroll. Motion passed.
- Township Transfer of Appropriation – Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the Transfers of Appropriation for the Sanitary Sewer Fund and the Park Maintenance Fund. Trustee Hipskind seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Road District Transfer of Appropriation – Trustee Sturgis made a motion to approve the Transfers of Appropriation for the Permanent Road Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund. Trustee Hipskind seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Meeting Dates 2016 – Meetings will continue to be on the fourth Tuesday of each month except June, November, and December when the meetings will be on the third Tuesday. Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the dates as stated. Trustee Hipskind seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Township Assessor – The Township has been without an assessor. State statute dictates the board “shall” appoint or contract for the position. Supervisor Barnes contacted the county about the township entering into a contract with the county. The county assessor didn’t think a contract was necessary and is looking into the matter. Mr. Bruckert will look into the matter also. No motion was made on the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:58 p.m. Trustee Carroll made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss union negotiations under section 2(c)2 of the OMA. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Sturgis, Hipskind, Barnes. No – Wells. Motion passed.

At 8:34 the regular meeting resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34 p.m. Trustee Hipskind made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Barnes seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: January 26, 2016