

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: March 22, 2016
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 8:50 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

Others Present: Terry Bruckert, Bruckert, Gruenke, & Long, PC
Theresa Peters
Mary Thurman
John Frazier
19 others also attended

APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Wells pointed out "LOL" was unnecessary on page 2. Trustee Carroll pointed out under Business Item – Payment of recurring bills, "credit cards" were not approved for payment before vouchers were signed so those words should be removed from the sentence.

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the February 23, 2016, Regular Board Meeting Minutes with the corrections noted. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the March 11, 2016, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Wells, Sturgis, Barnes. No – Hipkind. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

	<u>February 1, 2016</u>	<u>February 29, 2016</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 475,616.37	\$ 452,405.53
General Assistance Fund	\$ 75,716.50	\$ 72,962.97
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 178,585.38	\$ 176,606.95
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 372,954.21	\$ 354,110.95
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 343,473.23	\$ 300,628.64
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 4,844,285.61	\$ 4,621,933.68

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

BUDGET REPORT

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications shared.

ROAD COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

There was no road report.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes reported the amount of past due sewer bills remains about the same. There is \$110,000 past due more than 151 days.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Park Board President Dean Wallen reported a Monarch Butterfly Station will be put in at the community garden at High Mount School. Heartland Conservancy is helping with another volunteer day at Centennial Park planned for May 14 from 9:00 – 12:00. Invasive species are so pervasive it may be necessary to ask for township employee help to stay ahead of the invasion. Supervisor Barnes and the board are getting information about putting crushed limestone on the path in Centennial Park instead of mulch. The park board is getting information about a solar driven composting toilet for use at Loop Creek Park. The parking lot expansion at Centennial Park should be completed by the end of April.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Buchanan stated he objects to the Township paying for the Robo call Road Commissioner Kernan made to inform township residents he laid off his employees because it was obviously scripted as a political call.

Theresa Peters had questions about sewer billing. She asked why the township did not pay Swansea the money it collected while the sewer contract was being negotiated and she asked why a sewer line was abandoned.

David Donnelly asked what line items were reduced when the road commissioner reduced the road budget \$800,000.

Sue Gruberman asked if Supervisor Barnes plans to lay off an employee in the sewer department.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Annual Meeting Agenda – A meeting agenda for the Annual Town Meeting was provided in the board’s packet. Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the agenda presented for the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for April 12, 2016. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Seasonal Employee for the Sewer Department – Supervisor Barnes requested approval to hire a seasonal employee who would work from sometime in May through sometime in September. Supervisor Barnes made a motion to hire a temporary employee from May to September at \$13.00 per hour. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Wells, Sturgis, Barnes. No – Hipskind. Motion passed.
- Intergovernmental Agreement – A final copy of the agreement between the Township and St. Clair County regarding the County providing assessment services to the Township was presented to the Board. Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve Mr. Barnes signing the Intergovernmental Agreement with St Clair County concerning assessment services. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Resolution of Support 2016-1 – The resolution gives authority for Road Commissioner Kernan to apply for the Program Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant. Trustee Wells made a motion to approve Resolution of Support 2016-1 with correction of the program year from 2014 to 2016 and correction of the spelling of “TRUSTEES.” Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:28 p.m. Trustee Carroll made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss union negotiations per Section 2(c)2 of the OMA. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Sturgis, Barnes. No – Wells, Hipkind. Motion passed. Supervisor Barnes announced there would be no action taken when the Board came out of Executive Session.

At 9:43 p.m. the regular meeting reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:43 p.m. Trustee Hipkind made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: April 19, 2016