

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: July 26, 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 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, PC
David Donley Dean Wallen
Vladimir Halupa Jill Halupa
Bob Buechler Darwin Miles

APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Sturgis made a motion to approve the June 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting July 8, 2016 with changes to correct the spelling of Mr. Kurl's name in the last paragraph on page 1 and to add the word "by" before \$300,000 in the last paragraph of page 2. Trustee Sturgis 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 June.

	<u>June 1, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 412,544.08	\$ 413,494.77
General Assistance Fund	\$ 65,212.63	\$ 66,256.22
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 163,670.02	\$ 164,837.02
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 304,783.61	\$ 327,646.23
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 195,587.71	\$ 256,086.70
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 5,012,439.44	\$ 4,946,669.70

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barnes reported the Centennial Park parking lot project is almost complete. Sod needs to be put down and final clean-up needs to be completed before the final payout.

Supervisor Barnes complimented the guys for a job well done removing all the limbs from the trails after the last storm.

Trustee Wells suggested getting new maps of Shiloh, Swansea, and the Township that would show recent annexations.

Clerk Reed reported the township received a FOIA request from the Post Dispatch. The request was for meeting minutes and meeting packets from June 2015 to June 2016.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Road Commissioner Kernan reported concrete work will resume when clean-up from the storm is completed in the next day or two. Work on Narcissus and Heather is expected to be finished in two weeks. Mr. Kernan reported he is waiting for final approval from the state on reopening Mine Haul Road.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes reported there has not been much change in the outstanding amount of past due sewer bills.

Supervisor Barnes reported the grant for Loop Creek Park playground equipment has been submitted.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Park Board President Dean Wallen reported Volunteer Day at Centennial Park went well. He said the boy scouts have requested another clean-up day be scheduled in October. Mr Wallen said rain water has been flowing towards the highway and away from adjacent property since the parking lot project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Donley suggested the Park Board invite the American Heritage Girls to participate in the next clean-up day at the park. American Heritage Girls is a girls club sponsored by Turkey Hill Grange. Mr. Donley reminded everyone there is no comma after "one nation" in the Pledge of Allegiance. Therefore there should be no pause when reciting "one nation under God."

Vladimir Halupa stated he is unhappy with some on the township board.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Sewer plant parking lot – Supervisor Barnes would like to hire an engineer to oversee resurfacing the parking lot at the sewer plant. He expects engineering services to cost an additional \$5,000.00. The project is expected to cost less than \$20,000. There was discussion that a reputable company should have the necessary experience to do a satisfactory job without the oversight of an engineer. Trustee Hipskind made a motion to have an engineer design and oversee the parking lot project at the sewer plant. Trustee Sturgtis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Wells, Sturgis, Hipskind, Barnes. No – Carroll. Motion passed.
- Sewer lining bids – Two bids were received for the sewer lining project. SAK Construction LLC bid \$79,375.00. Visu-Sewer of Missouri LLC bid \$115,805.75. Trustee Wells made a motion to accept the bid from SAK Construction in the amount of \$79,375.00. Trustee Hipskind seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Grant for cameras in parks – Metro East Recreation and Park District contacted Supervisor Barnes to inform him of a \$10,000.00 grant available for cameras in parks. A budget appropriation would have to be approved to get cameras this year. Trustee Wells made a motion to apply for the \$10,000.00 grant from MERPD for cameras

overlooking Loop Creek Park if the grant does not have to be used this fiscal year.
Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:47 p.m. Trustee Carroll made a motion to move into Executive Session for a personnel matter under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and union negotiations per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Sturgis, Hipkind, Barnes. No – Wells. Motion passed.

At 7:59 p.m. the regular meeting reconvened. Roll call found all Board members present.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m. Trustee Sturgis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: August 23, 2016