

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: November 15, 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 and Greg Hipkind

Officials Present: Clerk Brenda Reed, Road Commissioner Skip Kernan

Others Present: Dean Wallen
Leo Stephan
Angela Roewe

APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Sturgis made a motion to approve the October 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Carroll 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. Seven residents were given help from the general assistance fund in October.

	<u>October 1, 2016</u>	<u>October 31, 2016</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 481,306.79	\$ 470,605.80
General Assistance Fund	\$ 91,781.97	\$ 90,474.16
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 201,788.74	\$ 199,980.06
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 514,903.50	\$ 509,081.14
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 667,636.40	\$ 629,158.55
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 5,048,576.56	\$ 4,939,885.25

Trustee Wells made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

BUDGET REPORT

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barnes reported there was an emergency sewer pipe repair November 11, a holiday for the sewer crew. The pipe had been bored through and was full of gravel. There have been no recent JULIE locates in the area so Supervisor Barnes was unable to investigate who may have been responsible for the damage.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Road Commissioner Kernan reported the road crew has been doing concrete work in the Sierra Park area on Country Meadows and in Chenot Place on Sage Brush. They have done storm drain work on Greenfield and will do street sweeping after the leaves are down. He said he expects to hear from the state in the next few weeks about their decision on the reopening of Mine Haul Road.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes reported the total amount of sewer bills past due more than 151 days is down a bit from the previous billing period. Supervisor Barnes stated 1,300 additional feet of sewer pipe will be lined on Todd Lane because no laterals needed to be lined on the first streets relined on the project. He reported repaving of the sewer plant parking lot is in progress. He reported sod has been put down around the expanded parking area at Centennial Park but the job is not yet completed.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Park Board President Dean Wallen reported the path recently covered with ag lime is rough and needs to be leveled. He noted it might be nice to have a changing table in the restroom at Centennial Park. Mr. Wallen reminded the board the park committee had suggested removing the rickety bridge in Centennial Park. He reminded Supervisor Barnes there are piles of honeysuckle debris from the recent Volunteer Day that need to be removed from the park. He stated the next Volunteer Day will probably be March 4, 2017. Mr. Wallen also reported the park board is getting information about creating a nature play space on the west side of the trail in Centennial Park. He said they are also gathering information about adding a bike station or fix-it station at Centennial Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dean Wallen stated former Township Trustee Wayman Milam passed away October 30. He said Mr. Milam was a WWII and Korean War Veteran. Mr. Milam served on the township board for more than 40 years (19?? – 2009). Mr. Milam was on the board when the sewer system was put in throughout the township.

Skip Kernan congratulated meeting attendees Angela Roewe and Bob Trentman on their recent reelection to their County Board positions. He also thanked them for their support.

Bob Trentman asked what company made the recent emergency sewer line repair.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Insurance – Leo Stephan, a representative of Warma Witter Kreisler & Associates in O’Fallon, provided a summary of the property and casualty insurance and workmen’s comp insurance premiums proposal for the township. The premium through Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) for Workmen’s Comp Insurance is expected to be \$50,838.00. The premium for property and casualty insurance through Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust is expected to be \$64,899.00. He stated the township can request a free risk evaluation to assess equipment that might be included if a nature play area is installed at Centennial Park. There was a question about how employees are classified on the workmen’s comp premium breakdown. Mr. Stephan said he will investigate and confirm the classifications with Supervisor Barnes before the premium is finalized. He stated IPRF will do an audit. Trustee Hipskind made a motion to approve the proposal from Warmer, Witter, Kreisler, & Associates for workmen’s comp insurance and property and casualty insurance with a combined premium of \$115,732.00. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Township Tax Levy – Supervisor Barnes stated the amount he requested for the tax levy is the same it has been the last two years, \$296,600.00. Supervisor Barnes explained the maximum tax rate for the General Town Fund is 0.25 but our tax rate is 0.025. He said the maximum tax rate for the General Assistance Fund is 0.1 but our rate is 0.007. He stated the maximum tax rate for the Park Fund is 0.02 but our rate is 0.018. Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve St. Clair Township Tax Levy Ordinance 2016-7. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Road District Tax Levy – Road Commissioner Kernan stated the amount he requested for the levy is the same it has been the last three years, \$465,000.00. Trustee Hipskind made a motion to approve St. Clair Road District Tax Levy Ordinance 2016-R2. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Wells, Sturgis, Hipskind, Barnes. No – Carroll. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no business to discuss in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:48 p.m. Trustee Hipskind made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: December 20, 2016