

**Regular Meeting
St. Clair Township**

DATE: January 24, 2017
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
Absent: Greg Hipkind
A quorum was present.

Officials Present: Clerk Brenda Reed, Road Commissioner Skip Kernan

Others Present: Attorney Terry Bruckert, BG & L, P.C.
Bob Buechler Robert Trentman
Dean Wallen Jill Halupa
Hart Morgan Zoe Williams
Brian Dulski

APPROVED MINUTES

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the December 20, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All present in favor.

Trustee Sturgis made a motion to approve the Amended Budget Hearing Minutes of December 20, 2016. Supervisor Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All present in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes read the beginning and ending balances of each fund for the month of December. Eight residents were given aid from General Assistance in December.

	<u>December 1, 2016</u>	<u>December 30, 2016</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 452,834.04	\$ 442,345.42
General Assistance Fund	\$ 88,784.75	\$ 86,942.49
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 146,715.69	\$ 147,352.19
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 491,534.21	\$ 506,543.45
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 599,521.15	\$ 652,694.02
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 5,102,345.08	\$ 4,947,408.95

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

BUDGET REPORT

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barnes reported he expected to hear the decision on the law suit filed by Road Commissioner Kernan against the township board this week.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Road Commissioner Kernan reported the state has approved reopening Mine Haul Road. He said he expects bidding for South 11th Street to be the end of February. The Minden Drive street replacement project will start in early Spring. He said the crew is almost finished sweeping the entire township with his Spiffie Skippee Sweeper.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes reported the total amount of sewer bills past due is down a little. He stated a resolution is being prepared that will allow water shut-off of sewer customers with outstanding balances who move to other addresses in the township. That resolution should be ready for the board to review next month. He also reported a claim for damages caused by a sewer back-up at 801 Bluff Ridge was denied by the insurance company. The township had no way of knowing there was a clog in the line therefore it cannot be held responsible.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Park Board President Dean Wallen reminded everyone the next Volunteer Day at Centennial Park will be March 4, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Buechler stated there was about an hour delay in response to the sewer back-up on Bluff Ridge because of confusion on who to call for repair. The Bluff Ridge address is an address with sewer lines maintained by the township but sewer service is billed directly by Swansea. He suggested the board look into a remedy to prevent delays in the future.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 2017 meeting dates – Trustee Carroll made a motion to set the meeting dates for 2017 as the fourth Tuesday of each month except November and December when the meetings will be the third Tuesday. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All present in favor.
- Lift station phones – Supervisor Barnes presented the one year contract offered by ATT for phones at the township's lift stations. The monthly cost will be \$435.00. Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the one year contract with AT&T for the lift station phones. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- SWIC ATS – Cheryl Brunzman, Executive Director of Programs and Services for Older Persons, thanked the township for their donations to the Alternative Transportation System and RSVP. She shared information and statistics about services provided by ATS and RSVP for St. Clair Township seniors last year. She thanked the board for the budgeted donations this year and requested the board consider increasing the donations in the future. Trustee Wells made a motion to approve the payment to SWIC ATS in the amount of \$8,137.00. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All present in favor.
- RSVP - Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the payment to RSVP in the amount of \$4,200. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All present in favor.
- Nature Play Space at Centennial Park – Brian Dulski, Park Board member and National Wildlife Federation employee, presented a design for a Nature Play Area at Centennial Park. He explained the park has an area near the parking lot and restrooms that is cleared and has some interesting features already on site. Supervisor Barnes said he will contact the township's insurance carrier to evaluate each element of the play area. The Park Board will investigate the cost of the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Barnes stated there was nothing to discuss in Executive Session concerning union negotiations. He stated he is waiting to hear about a date for mediation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:47 p.m. Trustee Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Voice vote. All present in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: February 28, 2017