

Regular Meeting

St. Clair Township

DATE: January 28, 2020

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Clair Township Bldg.

107 Service Street

Swansea, IL 62226

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: Don Wallace, Mike Isenhart, John Vosler, Julie Miller

Officials Present: Clerk Jana Moll, Road Commissioner Jim Hursey

Absent: none

Others Present: Robert Trentman

APPROVE MINUTES

- A. Trustee Vosler made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting minutes for Dec. 17, 2019 as presented. Trustee Isenhart seconded the motion. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented for the month of December, 2019. Trustee Wallace seconded the motion. All in favor.

BUDGET REPORT

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the Budget Report as presented for the month of December, 2019. Trustee Isenhart seconded the motion. All in favor.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Road Commissioner Hursey gave a brief summary of his January, 2020 report concerning the snow and freezing rain treatments. His total report can be viewed on the website plus a supplement letter to the residents on snow removal procedures.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes said that we will be down to 3 employees in the sewer dept., due to a worker injury, for about a month. Also the Loop Creek Project (Phase 1) is completed and he took the paper work to the Metro East Park Dist. He also said that he discussed extending the Loop Creek walking trail over to the Metro trail behind the Sportsplex. We will be applying for a grant for Phase 2 of Loop Creek for a restroom and new parking and possibly the swing set we talked about last fall. He also talked about a restroom in Centennial Park and a bridge across the creek so we can get our equipment across. We also upgraded our computers at the township to Windows 10 and will need a new computer here and at the sewer plant that will support the newer version. The township got reimbursed for the damage to our main line that happened in 2015 out on 11th St. Two new heaters were installed at the sewer plant and working great and get the other 2 installed. We found problems on Minnie Dr. due to the heavy rain and will have to line 4 manholes and possible lift station.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Don Wallace said they met and put together their calendar for the coming year. They are also planning a cleanup day for May 17th from 9am to noon at Centennial Park. They are looking at what else to do in the spring.

PUBLIC COMMENTS none

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Discussed and voted on 7 heating units to be installed at the sewer plant. Present ones are over 40 yrs. old. Jeff told Supervisor Barnes we needed 8 units. Trustee Miller made a motion to amend it from 7 to 8 units. Trustee

Isenhart seconded the motion. All in favor. The trustees also discussed the bids and Trustee Wallace made a motion to approve Dow Heating and Air. Trustee Isenhart seconded the motion. All in favor.

- B. Discussed and voted on snow plow for the Sewer Dept. Trustee Vosler made a motion to approve. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.
- C. Discussed and voted on supporting the Senior Companion Program. There was a discussion and the trustees decided on a \$500 donation. Trustee Wallace made a motion to approve. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.
- D. Discussed and voted on St. Clair Township Transfer of Appropriation. Trustee Isenhart made a motion to approve. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.
- E. Discussed and voted on St. Clair Road District Transfer of Appropriation. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve. Trustee Vosler seconded the motion. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Motion to move into executive session per (2-C11) pending litigation. None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 pm, Trustee Isenhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Vosler seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Jana Moll

St. Clair Township Clerk Approved:

Road Commissioners Report 1/28/2020

1/10/2020. Snow/ Freezing Rain/Snow Event. The crew made a pass throughout the 58-mile road district treating the roads with salt.

1/15/2020. (Second Wave) Snow/ Freezing Rain/Snow Event. The crew made passes throughout the township treating and plowing the roadways.

1/23/2020. The crew will be making several passes throughout the township treating roadways.

1/24/2020. The crew will be making several passes throughout the township treating roadways.

Phase 2 of the 11st project. Delay - the road asphalt construction of phase 2 will be beginning again in March 2020 due to cold temperatures and the gas line issue. Phase 3 is now in the design stage with expected construction start date of around the spring of 2021 weather permitting and infrastructure issues.

We are continuing to place Yellow No Outlet / Dead End signs on top of street name signs in high volume residential areas throughout the Township (especially with the streets with similar names with Court, Road, Lane, Drive, Place or Way attached to them). Note: As a reminder this was a special request from EMS services to assist First Responders with navigating the best a quickest and safest route through neighborhoods for vehicles not equipped with GPS units and or drivers unfamiliar with the area. Older and larger outdated signs on those streets may also be removed as needed.

The crew has been responding to calls for removal of a tree, limbs and dead animals in the roadway and have been out trimming back trees, collecting and or removing dead brush and clearing drains from blockage from storms. The street sweeper continues to be out removing leaves and small road debris and we are mowing the grass on our right of ways.

Properly managed storm water can also help to minimize or avoid problems with erosion, flooding, and damage to natural drainage features such as streams, wetlands, and lakes, as well as provide wildlife habitat in these natural features. As a reminder to the public to be careful what you put down a storm drain. When rainwater flows across pavement and down a storm drain, that water is almost always piped directly to the nearest stream, river, or bay. That water almost never goes to a treatment facility. Most storm drains simply collect rainwater and channel it away to prevent flooding, carrying polluted runoff to local water resources.