

## **Regular Meeting St. Clair Township**

DATE: January 11, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Clair Township  
107 Service Street  
Swansea, IL 62226

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Buchanan, Supervisor  
Mary Carroll, Clerk  
Dave Barnes, Trustee  
Richard Schobert, Trustee  
Bob Trentman, Trustee  
Greg Bridgman

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Wallen Sue DonCarlos  
Keith Sturgis Guy DonCarlos  
Soo Jin Wallen Don VanDyke  
Larry Rhutasel

### Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the St. Clair Township Board was called to order by Supervisor, Tim Buchanan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call found that all were present except for Assessor Robert Knee.

### Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 14, 2010:

A motion was made by Trustee Schobert to approve the December 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Bridgman. Roll call vote. All in favor.

### Minutes of the Tax Levy Public Hearing held on December 27, 2010:

A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve the December 27, 2010 Tax Levy Public Hearing minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Schobert. Roll call vote. All in favor.

### Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on December 27, 2010:

A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve the December 27, 2010 Special Board Meeting minutes with correction. It was seconded by Trustee Bridgeman. Roll call vote. All in favor.

### Monthly Supervisor's Treasurer's Report

Trustee Barnes asked why there was a negative \$20 under the newsletter line item. Supervisor Buchanan explained that one advertiser sent the fee in too late for publication, and the money was returned to them. Trustee Barnes made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

### Monthly Bills

Trustee Schobert made a motion to approve the monthly bills. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

### Communications

None.

### Supervisor's Report

- a. Insurance Claims - No new claims and no updates.
- b. Delinquent Sewer Accounts - Supervisor Buchanan said he is working on an administrative plan for cutting off water to delinquent sewer customers.
- c. New Centennial Park Agreement Update - Supervisor Buchanan said Swansea has verbally agreed that each municipality will pay for one half the expenses, but he is still working out the written agreement.
- d. Sewer Plant Gate Valve Replaced - The valve was replaced at a cost of \$3,609.
- e. Shiloh TIF Money to Township - The Township was given \$100 and the Road District \$1,200 per year for a TIF agreement related to an area near Greenmount Road and Frank Scott Parkway.
- f. Highway Commissioner Burk Donated \$11,000 to Road District - Supervisor Buchanan wanted to make the Board aware that Commissioner Burk had donated part of his salary back to the Township.
- g. Final Tax Settlement - Board members were provided a analysis of the taxes that were levied, the extension and what was collected. Supervisor Buchanan reviewed the report.

### Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Burk said we have had some recent snows and the three road employees did a good job clearing the streets. He said there were no negative feedback calls, but one resident called to say thank you for a job well done. Commissioner Burk said he wanted to publically thank Dean, Dan and Mike for going above and beyond to get the job done.

He also said they would like to get some more tarring done, but have not been able to make much progress with the bad weather lately.

### Public Comments

Keith Sturgis said he was surprised to see that Mark Burk donated \$11,000 back to the Township and he wanted to say thank you to Mr. Burk.

### Business Items

A. Professional Engineering Agreement Amendment - Supervisor Buchanan said that Larry Rhutasel from Rhutasel and Associates, Inc was here to tell us why we needed the amendments. Mr. Rhutasel said the original EPA agreement had 180 estimated construction days. However, it needs to be amended to allow for 210 actual construction days. Trustee Schobert made a motion to amend the EPA Agreement. Trustee Trentman seconded it. Roll call vote. All in favor.

B. UV Sewer Project Update - Mr. Rhutasel said the costs will be higher than the original estimate because it was more complex structurally than envisioned. He said the Ordinance stated the Township would need to borrow \$350,000 and it will need to be raised to \$450,000. Trustee Barnes said a 54% increase is huge. Mr. Rhutasel again said that after they went into

more detail, it became more complex than they had thought. Trustee Bridgman agreed with Trustee Barnes that this was a big difference from the original estimate. They were both concerned about the cost to taxpayers. Supervisor Buchanan also raised the fact that one of the reasons we used Rhutasel was because of their past experience with the sewer plant. Supervisor Buchanan is concerned we would have to raise the sewer rates again due to this increase. Mr. Rhutasel said he was comfortable that the revenue we are collecting after the most recent sewer increase would be sufficient to cover the increase in cost to the project. Trustee Bridgman asked if Rhutasel would bear the cost of any of this? Mr. Rhutasel said no. He explained that even though the estimate was in error, the Township would still have to pay the additional cost for the construction if he had estimated it correctly at the beginning.

C. Ordinance 2011-1 Borrowing Funds for UV Project - Supervisor Buchanan explained this ordinance gives the Township the right to borrow up to \$450,000 from EPA for the project. He said that Attorney Stiehl has reviewed the document. Trustee Schobert made a motion to approve reading the Ordinance by title. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor. Trustee Schobert made a motion to accept the reading of the Ordinance. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

D. Post Employment Health Care - Supervisor Buchanan directed the Board members to both the new version of the Resolution and the old version. He said the new version will clarify that elected officials are not eligible for post employment health care benefits. It also clarifies what employees are eligible for these benefits when they retire. Trustee Trentman said he wants to review the further before we vote on it. Supervisor Buchanan said he will add it to the next month's agenda.

E. Community Development Block Grant Contract - Supervisor Buchanan explained this was a Federal HUD program targeted for streets where low income people reside. He said that Commissioner Burk has worked hard knocking on doors to obtain signatures to get this grant. Commissioner Burk explained it would be an extension Belleville's East Main Street project leading up to West Boulevard. Commissioner Burk said it would straighten the road, add sidewalks, a crosswalk, and make it safer. The estimated cost of the project is \$287,680 and \$60,000 would be paid by the grant. Trustee Schobert made a motion to authorize the Clerk and the Supervisor to sign the Community Development Block Grant Contract. It was seconded by Trustee Barnes. Roll call vote. All in favor.

F. Resolution to Adopt an Annual 1,000 Hour Standard for IMRF - Supervisor Buchanan said the Resolution in the packets was to adopt a 1,000 hour standard for employees to receive a pension. He said the intent is so that part-time employees do not qualify for a pension. There was questions and discussion around this topic. Trustee Bridgman made a motion to adopt the 1,000 hour standard for IMRF participation. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

At 8:12 p.m. Dave Barnes made a motion to go into closed Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of St. Clair Township. It was seconded by Trustee Bridgman.

At 8:24 the regular board meeting resumed.

There being no further business, Trustee Schobert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bridgman seconded. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Carroll  
Township Clerk