
Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: October 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
Mark Burk, Road Commissioner
Dave Barnes, Trustee
Richard Schobert, Trustee
Bob Trentman, Trustee
Greg Bridgman, Trustee
Robert Knee, Assessor

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Wallen
Ken Mueller

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 members were present.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 13, 2011:

A motion was made by Trustee Bridgman to approve the September 13, 2011 Regular Board Meeting minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Barnes. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Trustee Schobert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Budget Report

After several questions, Trustee Bridgman made a motion to approve the Budget report. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Monthly Bills

Trustee Schobert made a motion to approve the monthly bills. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Trentman-NO, Bridgman-YES, Schobert-YES, Barnes-YES, Buchanan-YES. Motion carries.

Communications

None

Supervisor's Report

- Insurance Claims - No new claims.
- Delinquent Sewer Account Report – Nothing new to report.

- Sewer Manhole Undermining Problem - Supervisor Buchanan provided pictures for everyone to view and explained how the repairs were made in the Chenot subdivision.
- St. Clair County Park Grant Application - Supervisor Buchanan said he has applied for a grant to help with maintenance at the parks. The items included are bobcat tracks, chain saw, and a gator cart. If the grant is received, there will be no cost to the Township.
- Property Tax Reassessment - Supervisor Buchanan said that all of St. Clair Township is being reassessed. He provided an information sheet on the reassessment and said he would put it on the Township website.

Highway Commissioner's Report

- East Main Street - Commissioner Burk said the project is rolling along. He said the hills will be lowered for better visibility, and that the residents are happy.
- Stokey Terrace Project - Burk said we will save approximately \$12,000-\$22,000 on this project.
- Asphalt Jobs - These jobs have started and three are finished.
- Annexing - Commissioner Burk wanted to make the Board members aware of the annexing that goes on. He said sometimes there are houses in the middle of a block annexed. He is working to make sure he finds out so the Township does not have to maintain the road where annexing from surrounding municipalities is taking place.

Public Comments

None

Business Items

A. Tap in Fees - There is a lot at 1213 Breckenridge where a new home is being planned to replace a home that was torn down due to mine subsidence. The attorney said that a new tap in fee could be charged since it is new construction, but it is up to the board to decide if a second tap in fee is fair. The Board agreed that a second tap in fee should not be charged since one was already paid for with the original construction.

B. Vicksburg & Northland Sewer Sag Projects Sewer Lateral Issues - Supervisor Buchanan said this issue was due to subsidence. The Township has received a grant to raise the line, but the line raise will affect the laterals. The Township attorney has advised the laterals are the property owner's liability. However, Ron Stuckel believes that IDNR will grant more money to cover the laterals and Supervisor Buchanan would like to pursue this with an amendment to the original grant application.

C. Sewer Line Problem Along Loop Creek in Chenot Subdivision - Supervisor Buchanan said the sewer line that is becoming exposed is the same line connected to the manhole that subsided. The Corp of Engineers examined the line along with Ron Stuckel and Supervisor Buchanan. There are two possible solutions. Supervisor Buchanan authorized Ron Stuckel to explore the cost difference between the two.

D. Authorize KDG Engineering to advertise for Bids for the Piper Hills Project- Supervisor Buchanan said the Greystone developer wouldn't originally give the easement needed for this project, but finally did. The plan is to decommission the lift station and run the wastewater down to the Greystone lift station instead. Trustee Schobert made a motion for approval to go out to get bids to complete the project. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

E. Sewer Projects - Supervisor Buchanan said there are several smaller sewer projects needing to be completed. Two sewer lines next to manholes in Glen Addie need repaired because the workers cannot get the equipment in to clean them. A manhole near the old Augustines Restaurant needs to be raised with a new cone. Only one firm has bid on the work so far and the bids are due by Friday. Trustee Bridgman made a motion that if no further bids are received by Friday to accept the bid by the one firm that has responded. Trustee Barnes second the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

F. HMG Evaluation of Further Sewer Operation Needs for Budgeting Purposes - Trustee Barnes made a motion to allow HMG to evaluate for budgeting purposes future sewer operations needs at a rate of no more than \$3,000. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

G. HMG Engineering Firm - Supervisor Barnes made a motion to allow Supervisor Buchanan, in addition to using KDG Engineering, to also use HMG when it may be necessary for sewer issues. Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

H. Annual Treasurer's Report - Supervisor Buchanan informed the Board that it has been published.

I. Special Swansea Sewer Account - Supervisor Buchanan recommended putting money into an account that we could pay Swansea from when a new sewer use agreement is reached. Everyone was in concurrence.

J. IMRF Audit - Supervisor Buchanan said the Township received a perfect score.

K. Swansea Sewer Use Negotiations - Will be discussed in executive session.

At 8:05 p.m. Trustee Barnes made a motion to go into closed Executive Session for purposes of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a Township employee, and for the purpose of considering litigation, and the Board finds that an action involving the Township is probable or imminent. It was seconded by Trustee Schobert. Roll call vote. All in favor.

At 8:48 p.m. the Board resumed the Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Schobert made a motion to send to Swansea a proposed contract that the engineer prepared with the Township's cost evaluations and a notice that the Township will accept either mediation or binding arbitration to settle the dispute. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Mary Carroll
Township Clerk