

## **Special Meeting St. Clair Township**

DATE: May 19, 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, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Wallen  
Tim Pruitt  
Jeff Carmack

### Roll Call:

The special meeting of the St. Clair Township Board was called to order by Supervisor, Tim Buchanan with the Pledge of Allegiance. All present, except Assessor, Robert Knee, and Road Commissioner, Mark Burk.

### Monthly Bills

None.

### Public Comment

None

### Business Items

A. Award UV Wastewater Plant Upgrade Contract - Tim Pruitt from Rhutasel & Associates gave an overview of the bids that were submitted for the upgrade project. He said that Rhutasel's estimate was \$340,000. The low bid received from Haier Plumbing & Heating out of Oakaville, IL was \$355,999. He said they would notify them of the notification "Intent to Award" and submit the paperwork to Illinois Environmental Protection agency (IEPA). If IEPA determines that everything is in good order, then the last step will be to notify Haier of the actual award of the contract. Trustee Bridgman inquired if the project costs could go higher than what they bid. Mr. Pruitt said there is always a possibility of that. Trustee Schobert made a motion accept the low bid and move forward with signing and submitting the appropriate paperwork. It was seconded by Trustee Bridgman. Roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Motion passes.

At 7:06 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 Bridgman.

At 7:34 p.m. the Board came out of closed Executive Session and returned to the Regular meeting.

#### Business Items Continued

Supervisor Buchanan asked if the Board to skip to Item H. on the agenda.

H. Personnel - Trustee Barnes made a motion to call Luke Potts back to work-pursuant to the union contract. Trustee Schobert seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

B Cost to Publish Sewer Ordinance - Supervisor Buchanan reported that the cost to publish the revised sewer ordinance was going to cost \$6,859. Due to the high cost, he double checked with Attorney Stiehl and Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) to make sure this was required to be published. Both confirmed that the way the law was written, it would have to be published. Supervisor Buchanan said there was a bill in Springfield to change the law governing the publication of notices by municipalities in order to cut publication cost.

C. Video Tape Meetings - Supervisor Buchanan said at the last meeting, resident Skip Kernan inquired whether the Township had ever considered video taping the meetings. Supervisor Buchanan asked for discussion on the topic. Trustee Schobert said he doesn't know of any other cities that video tape their meetings. The cost of taping was also raised, and no one saw a need for it at this time.

D. TOI Membership - Supervisor Buchanan distributed a copy of an invoice from Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) for annual membership in the amount of \$906.66, Supervisor Buchanan surveyed the Board whether this service should be continued and the invoice be paid. Trustee Bridgman asked if everyone on the Board had to be a member. Supervisor Buchanan said it is inclusive of the entire Board. Trustee Schobert said TOI is the Township's lobbyist, and it should be continued. Trustee Schobert made a motion to approve the invoice. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Trentman-NO, Bridgeman-YES, Schobert-YES, Barnes-YES, Buchanan-YES. Motion passes.

E. Approve IDNR Vicksburg Sewer Sag Agreement. - Supervisor Buchanan asked for permission to sign the agreement. Trustee Schobert made a motion to allow Supervisor Buchanan to sign the Agreement between St. Clair Township and State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the Vicksburg Drive Sewer Sag Repair. It was seconded by Trustee Trentman. Roll call vote. All in favor.

F. Swansea Sewer Use Negotiations - Supervisor Buchanan said at this time there was nothing new to report.

At 7:41 the Board went back into closed executive session again.

At 8:21 the Board came out of closed session.

Trustee Bridgman made a motion to allow the Township to use Belsheim and Brukert, L.L.C. as legal counsel for the Swansea negotiations and for the upcoming sick leave grievance. It was seconded by Trustee Barnes. Roll call vote. All in favor.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Carroll". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mary Carroll  
Township Clerk