

## St. Clair Township Special Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 5, 2014  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: St. Clair Township Bldg  
107 Service Street  
Swansea, IL 62226

### CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of St. Clair Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Dave Barnes  
Trustees Mary Carroll, Jaynie Wells, Keith Sturgis, Greg Hipskind  
Absent: none

Officials Present: Clerk Brenda Reed

Others Present: Terry Bruckert, Attorney  
There were more than 40 in attendance. Not all signed in.  
Joel Ramirez                      Angela Ramirez  
Mike Ramirez                     Cletis Cox  
C E Black                         Tasha Busse  
Bob Cook                         Samuel Gruberman  
Deb Barnes                        Jeff Carmack  
Alicia Carmack                  Bonnie Briggs  
Chris Goodan                     Bob Buehl  
Sharon Y                         Luke Potts  
Bobby Carmack                  Illegible signature  
Susan Gruberman                Jaqueline Lee

Supervisor Barnes asked for public comments.

Carl Keck sent an email to the board in support of the employees in regard to contract negotiations.

Kurt, Skip Kernan, Roseanne Keck, Greg Hipskind, Steve Joyce, Steve Hacker, Jim Koop, Barbara, and Alicia Carmack all made comments in support of the township employees in regard to union contract negotiations.

Sue Gruberman, an accountant for the township, stated sewer employees are paid from sewer user fees so the union contract will have no effect on taxes.

Jeff Carmack, Sewer Department Foreman, asked if the board was aware a new contract offer had been submitted in the last day or two.

At 6:53 Trustee Carroll made a motion to go into Executive Session for 2C2 discussion of union negotiations. Trustee Sturgis seconded. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Sturgis, Barnes. No – Wells, Hipkind. Motion passed 3-2.

At 7:25 the regular meeting reconvened.  
Roll call found all trustees and Supervisor Barnes present.

Supervisor Barnes stated the board has not received another offer from the union in the last day or two but will be happy to look at it when they receive it.

Trustee Sturgis moved that based on the current impasse in contract negotiations with Local 148 that St. Clair Township Supervisor, Dave Barnes be authorized to send the letter dated March 6, 2014 that was discussed in Executive Session to the Union and our employees tomorrow notifying them that the trustees intend to implement our final offer for a new contract as outlined in the letter effective March 17, 2014. Trustee Carroll seconded. Roll call vote. Carroll, Sturgis, and Barnes – Yes. Wells and Hipkind – No. Motion passed 3-2.

Trustee Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hipkind seconded.  
Roll call vote. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Reed  
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: 3/25/14