

## St. Clair Township Regular Meeting

DATE: November 19, 2013  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: St. Clair Township Bldg  
107 Service Street  
Swansea, IL 62226

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the St. Clair Township Board was called to order at 7:00 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, Assessor Robert Knee

Absent: Road Commissioner Skip Kernan

Others Present:	Dean Wallen	Guy DonCarlos
	Gene Kish	Marietta Lowery
	Steve Duff	Jeff Carmack
	Angela Ramirez	Joel Ramirez
	C. Haslett	Sue Guberman
	Bob Buechler	John Schmierbach
	Curtis Williams	Steve Joyce
	Kurt Kassebaum	Tim Buchanan
	John Frazier	Margy Pearse
	Ruth Dehne	Doris Rebenstorff
	Steve Rebenstroff	George Peterson

### MINUTES

Motion to approve the October 22, 2013 Regular Board Meeting minutes was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Hipskind. Roll call vote. All in favor.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Carroll noted the ending balance for last month and the beginning balance this month were not the same in the Road and Bridge Fund and the Permanent Road Fund.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Trustee Hipskind, seconded by Trustee Sturgis. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### BUDGET REPORT

Motion to approve the Budget Report was made by Trustee Sturgis, seconded by Trustee Hipskind. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### MONTHLY BILLS

Motion to approve payment of the monthly bills was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Hipskind. Roll call vote. Carroll - no. Wells – yes. Sturgis – no. Hipskind – yes. Barnes - yes.

Yes – 3. No – 2. Motion passed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Wells said she sent an email to Supervisor Barnes about a grant for recycle bins in the parks.

Trustee Carroll said she made a FOIA request for Road District records. The request was incorrectly worded so no records were provided. An appeal has not yet been made.

Trustee Hipskind read a statement about his position regarding union negotiations.

#### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Road Commissioner provided a written report that will be posted on the website.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Delinquent Sewer Accounts – no questions about the current report
- Shut-off Notices – no shut-off notices sent
- Township Park Board – Trustee Wells has discussed the Park Board's wish list with the supervisor and highway commissioner. Some items on the list have already been addressed. The cost of making the ball diamonds usable at Loop Creek Park is being investigated. The Park Board hopes to be in good position to apply for a grant available from the county in March. The resurfacing of the tennis courts at Loop Creek is complete.
- Senior Focus Group – Someone from the county and the Area Agency on Aging led a discussion with a group of seniors from the township and Swansea about their needs. Transportation and meals were specifically discussed. Supervisor Barnes and Swansea Mayor Mueller will meet in early December with organizations that provide services to senior citizens to discuss what services the township and village might be in a position to provide.
- Swansea Sewer Negotiations - Supervisor Barnes reported he has not heard anything from Swansea. He is still meeting with our engineer and attorney about the sewer contract.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Steve Duff** suggested the township should be run like a business. He also suggested that all questions trustees ask and answers should be included in the minutes.

**Tim Buchanan** thanked Trustee Wells for initiating the Township Park Board and Senior Focus Group. He reminded the board it is not necessary for a FOIA to be worded exactly correct for information to be shared.

**John Frazier** stated that a government body using taxpayer dollars to make donations is inappropriate.

**Dean Wallen** thanked the road crew for the quick removal of a felled tree that closed an entrance road into Villa Madero. He also expressed his appreciation for the drainage work completed in Villa Madero. It appears to have been successful.

## BUSINESS ITEMS

- Insurance Renewal – Leo Stephan from Warma Witter Kreisler Gregov in O’Fallon explained the premium proposal for property, liability, and workers’ compensation insurance for the township.  
Motion to give Dave authorization to renew insurance with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Hipskind. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion passed.
- ORDINANCE 2013-3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.12(F) OF THE WASTE WATER FACILITIES ORDINANCE OF ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP – The ordinance adds a deadline for requesting a summer use adjustment. The request must be submitted to the Township office by December 31 of the year in which the adjustment is claimed by the user.  
Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-3 to amend summer sewer adjustments was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Carroll.  
Carroll – yes. Wells – yes. Sturgis – yes. Hipskind – no. Barnes – yes.  
Yes – 4. No – 1. Motion passed.
- ORDINANCE 2013-4 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP – Supervisor Barnes went over some amounts on the proposed levy. Trustee Carroll expressed her preference for documents like that of the tax levy to include amounts from previous years and year to date totals spent for line items to better understand amounts proposed.
  - Motion to accept St. Clair Township Tax Levy Ordinance 2013-4 was made by Trustee Hipskind, seconded by Trustee Wells.
  - Motion to table until more information is available was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Sturgis. Roll call vote.  
Yes – Carroll, Sturgis. No – Wells, Hipskind, Barnes. Yes – 2. No – 3.  
Motion to table failed.
  - Motion to accept St. Clair Township Tax Levy Ordinance 2013-4 was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Hipskind. Roll call vote.  
Yes – Wells, Sturgis, Hipskind, Barnes. No – Carroll. Yes – 4. No – 1.  
Motion passed.

- ORDINANCE 13-R3 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE ST CLAIR ROAD DISTRICT – Road Commissioner Kernan was not present to answer questions about the proposed tax levy.
  - Motion to approve the Road District Tax Levy Ordinance 13-R3 was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Hipkind.
  - Motion to table the motion until more information is available was made by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Trustee Sturgis. Yes – Carroll, Sturgis. No- Wells, Hipkind, Barnes. Yes – 2. No – 3. Motion to table failed.
  - Motion to approve the Tax Levy for St. Clair Road District Ordinance 13-R3 was again made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Hipkind. Yes – Wells, Hipkind, Barnes. No – Carroll, Sturgis. Yes – 3. No – 2. Motion passed.
- ATS – Dave Wasson from ATS was unable to attend tonight. He will be at the next meeting

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Sturgis. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed  
St. Clair Township Clerk