

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

DATE: September 23, 2014  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: St. Clair Township Bldg.  
107 Service Street  
Swansea, IL

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of St. Clair Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

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

Officials Present: Clerk Brenda Reed, Road Commissioner Skip Kernan, Assessor Jim Wilson

Others Present: Angela Grossmann-Roewe     Jim Williams  
Dean Wallen                             Jill Halupa  
Vlad Halupa

### APPROVE MINUTES

August 26, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Barnes pointed out a redundant word included under business items. Trustee Carroll suggested the time the road commissioner left the meeting should be noted in the minutes as it had been in the past. A motion was made by Trustee Carroll to approve the August 26, 2014, minutes with the corrections that were noted. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll. No – Wells, Sturgis, Hipkind, Barnes. Motion failed.

Trustee Carroll then made a motion to approve the August 26, 2014, minutes as written. Trustee Hipkind seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

July 22, 2014 – Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Carroll to approve the July 22, 2014, Executive Session Minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hipkind. Roll call vote. All in favor.

August 26, 2014 – Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Hipkind, seconded by Trustee Carroll, to approve the August 26, 2014, Executive Session Minutes. Roll call vote. All in favor.

#### TREASURER’S REPORT

Clerk Reed read the beginning and ending balances of each fund for the month of August.

	<u>August 1, 2014</u>	<u>August 31, 2014</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 386,671.79	\$ 423,119.55
General Assistance Fund	\$ 61,537.33	\$ 66,681.55
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 157,921.21	\$ 164,741.64
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 531,105.46	\$ 584,063.29
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 898,458.23	\$ 859,623.24
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$4,483,649.43	\$ 4,431,071.18

A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Trustee Sturgis, seconded by Trustee Hipkind. Roll call vote. All in favor.

#### BUDGET REPORT

After discussion about some line items, a motion to approve the budget report as presented was made by Trustee Sturgis, seconded by Trustee Barnes. Roll call vote. All in favor.

#### MONTHLY BILLS

A motion to approve the monthly bills as presented was made by Trustee Sturgis, seconded by Trustee Carroll. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Wells, Sturgis, Barnes. No – Hipkind. Motion passed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Supervisor Barnes reported the health department contacted him to inform him toilet paper, soap, and paper towels are required in restrooms in parks.
- Charter cable service bore through a sewer line on West Blvd. Charter is expected to pay for the repair.

- Supervisor Barnes reported the bank will shred township documents approved for disposal at no charge.
- Supervisor Barnes reported the sewer crew had opportunity to use the newly acquired spot repair kit on two jobs in the last month. He reported the kit saved the township about \$6,000 on one of those repairs.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Delinquent amounts due for sewer bills continue to increase.

#### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Road Commissioner Kernan reported the final walk through on the Chenot Place project will be Thursday.

Road Commissioner Kernan introduced Attorney Jim Williams to give an update on the pending law suit concerning the previous Chenot Place street project. He reported suit has been filed against the engineering firm and Gleeson Asphalt. He anticipates a trial in two years.

Work on Gerri Ann Drive will be starting in about 3 weeks.

#### PARK BOARD REPORT

Park Board President Dean Wallen provided a copy of the flyer being distributed to advertise Centennial Park Stewardship Day on October 11. The board is working with Heartland Conservancy to coordinate the clean-up at the park.

Mr. Wallen reported the park board would prefer no cameras rather than fake cameras in the parks.

Mr. Wallen explained some issues with the current agreement the township has with Swansea in regard to Centennial Park. Terms of the agreement are not being met. The park board's recommendation is that the agreement be dissolved.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Road Commissioner Kernan suggested installing a camera in the lobby of the township building.

Vladimir Halupa said the get-together provided by Road Commissioner Kernan for Chenot Place residents was well received. He also asked if the road commissioner is required to attend monthly township meetings.

Jill Halupa stated even though power bills may not reflect it now, she thinks it was a wise move for the township to enter into a three year contract for electricity.

#### BUSINESS ITEMS

- Cameras at Loop Creek Sewer Plant and Park – Updated quotes from the two companies that made presentations last month were provided to the board. Trustee Wells suggested waiting on making a decision about cameras until next year when it might be possible to include them in park improvements. No motion was made concerning cameras.
- Centennial Park Addendum – The addendum was inadvertently left out of the meeting packet this month. Discussion about the Centennial Park Agreement and its possible dissolution will be on the agenda for the October meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m. Trustee Hipskind made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carroll. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed  
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: October 28, 2014