

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: January 26, 2016
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

Others Present: Terry Bruckert, Bruckert, Gruenke, & Long, PC
Dean Wallen Bob Buechler
Vladimir Halupa Jill Halupa
Cheryl Brunsmann Dave Wassen

APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the December 15, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes. Supervisor Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Supervisor Barnes made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 15, 2015. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes read the beginning and ending balances of each fund for the month of December.

	<u>December 1, 2015</u>	<u>December 31, 2015</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 477,221.30	\$ 488,510.10
General Assistance Fund	\$ 77,841.51	\$ 75,972.58
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 179,354.75	\$ 178,654.57
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 390,632.76	\$ 401,601.36
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 692,816.23	\$ 520,233.28
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 4,874,899.60	\$ 4,736,074.02

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

BUDGET REPORT

Trustee Sturgis made a motion to approve the Budget Report. Supervisor Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barnes introduced Cheryl Brunzman, Executive Director of Programs and Services for Older Persons (PSOP). Ms. Brunzman explained some of the services offered to senior citizens in the township through PSOP. She thanked the township for supporting the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) with a \$4,000 annual donation. She asked the board to consider increasing the township's appropriation in the next fiscal year to \$6,000.

Supervisor Barnes introduced Dave Wasson, Director Alternative Transportation System (ATS). Mr. Wasson explained the transportation services provided for senior citizens in the township. He provided a document showing ATS provided 3002 rides to seniors living in St. Clair Township to date in 2015. He thanked the township for supporting the ATS in the amount of \$7,750 annually for the last twenty years. He requested the board consider increasing the township's donation to \$10,750 in the next budget.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Road Commissioner Kernan provided a Five Year Plan to each board member. He pointed out the Pavement Management Analysis software mentioned in the plan. It is a program that would prioritize road work in the township. The cost of the software is \$3,000 to \$7,000 per month and it requires a three year contract. ($\$3,000 \times 12 \text{ months} / 50 \text{ miles} = \$70 \text{ per mile per year}$) Snow removal, tarring and tree trimming have been keeping the street department busy. Payment in the amount of \$153.00 was received from the guilty party who dumped garbage in the township in October of 2013.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes reported there is not much change in the past due sewer billing amount. He reported the property that is associated with the \$75,000 owed the township is in foreclosure.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Park Board President Dean Wallen reported the volunteer clean-up day was cancelled due to cold weather. The park board is anxiously waiting Spring!

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Buechler stated he would like to see the employee that was laid off in December be rehired at least part time. He said there is plenty of work to do.

Greg Hipskind asked why Supervisor Barnes would ask the board to approve a full-time employee and then lay him off.

Jaynie Wells stated there is a lot of work to be done and it isn't fair to the tax payers to lay off the employee.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Intergovernmental Agreement – Supervisor Barnes provided a copy of an Intergovernmental Agreement addressing the county providing assessment services for the township's mobile homes. There was no discussion about the agreement. Trustee Wells made a motion to approve the agreement. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- \$4,000 to RSVP – Trustee Sturgis made a motion to approve the payment of \$4,000 to SWIC RSVP. Trustee Hipskind seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- \$7,750 to ATS – Trustee Sturgis made a motion to approve the budgeted payment of \$7,750 to SWIC ATS. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.
- Visu-Sewer Pay Request – Visu-Sewer has requested payment of \$47,218.80. This amount reflects a 5% retainage of the total contract amount until the job is complete. Supervisor Barnes made a motion to pay Visu-Sewer \$47,218.80. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:54 p.m. Trustee Sturgis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss union negotiations per Section 2(c)2 of the OMA. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Sturgis, Hipskind, Barnes. No – Wells. Motion passed.

At 8:21 p.m. Supervisor Barnes called the regular meeting back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22 p.m. Trustee Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: Feb. 23, 2016