

Regular Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: August 23, 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: Cletis Cox Dean Wallen

APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Carroll made a motion to approve the July 26, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Trustee Wells made a motion to approve the July 26, 2016, Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Clerk Reed provided a copy of Executive Session Minutes from August 25 and December 15, 2015, and January 26, March 22, and April 19, 2016 for Trustees to review. Supervisor Barnes, Clerk Reed, and Attorney Terry Bruckert had reviewed these Executive Session Minutes and suggested none were appropriate to release at this time. The board agreed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes read the beginning and ending balances of each fund for the month of July. He noted the beginning balance in the Sanitary Sewer Fund is \$29.00 higher than the balance reported

on the June 31, 2016 Treasurer's Report because of a change the Secretary of State made to check number 87945.

	<u>July 1, 2016</u>	<u>July 31, 2016</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 413,494.77	\$ 457,247.58
General Assistance Fund	\$ 66,256.22	\$ 82,000.28
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 164,837.02	\$ 168,256.84
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 327,646.23	\$ 432,978.34
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 256,086.70	\$ 572,859.64
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 4,946,698.70	\$ 4,979,302.75

Trustee Carroll made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Carroll, Sturgis, Hipkind, Barnes. No – Wells. Motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT

Trustee Wells made a motion to approve the Budget Report. Trustee Hipkind seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Yes – Wells, Sturgis, Hipkind, Barnes. No – Carroll. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barnes reported there was a FOIA request for the hours and streets on which the street sweeper has been used.

Supervisor Barnes said he has not yet received notification if the request for a grant for play equipment at Loop Creek Park has been approved.

Supervisor Barnes stated he will have the bids for the sewer plant parking lot at the next meeting.

Supervisor Barnes complimented the sewer crew for a job well done on keeping the lines clear. He said there were no major backups during the last storm.

Supervisor Barnes informed the board he is looking into getting a 6 inch tracker to replace the 7½ inch tracker that is currently used with the sewer department's camera. The 7½ inch tracker will not fit in sewer lines that have been relined.

Supervisor Barnes reported replacement of the roof at the sewer plant should be completed this week.

Supervisor Barnes said he expects to send the grant application for cameras in Loop Creek Park next week.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Road Commissioner Kernan reported work on Narcissus and Heather should be finished in two weeks if weather is good. He said the road crew has been doing concrete work and will begin cutting grass and trimming trees in preparation for the Labor Day holiday.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Barnes reported the total amount of past due sewer bills is down a little.

PARK BOARD REPORT

Park Board President Dean Wallen reported another Volunteer Day is scheduled for October 22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Supervisor Barnes stated an eight foot bench has been ordered for the tennis courts at Wolf Branch and one load of ag lime is expected to be delivered by the end of the month for the east side of the creek at Centennial Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cletis Cox asked about the process to get the speed limit lowered in his neighborhood. Road Commissioner Kernan explained a petition has to be presented to him requesting the speed limit change. He said he then goes to the county engineer who presents the request to the state. The state then tracks the speed on the road for 90 days and then gives its findings. He said it typically takes six to nine months for a decision from the state.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Sewer plant maintenance – Supervisor Barnes received Notice to Proceed from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity on Phase II of the maintenance on Plant #3. The \$115,695.00 grant requires work to be completed by May 8, 2017. Trustee Carroll made a motion to proceed with Phase II of Plant #3 maintenance. Trustee Sturgis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was nothing to be discussed in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:39 p.m. Trustee Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Wells seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Reed
St. Clair Township Clerk

Approved: 9/27/2016