

## Annual Township Meeting St. Clair Township

DATE: April 12, 2016

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 107 Service Street, Swansea

ATTENDEES: Clerk Brenda Reed

R. Dean Wallen

Bob Buechler

Steve Duff

Mary Carroll

Terry Carroll

Keith Sturgis

Vladimir Halupa

Jill Halupa

Tim Buchanan

15 residents attended the meeting

### CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Clerk Brenda Reed, called the Annual Town Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Clerk Reed asked for a nomination for Moderator. Skip Kernan nominated Dean Wallen. Mary Carroll nominated Steve Duff. A vote was taken by a show of hands. Dean Wallen received five votes. Steve Duff received nine votes. Steve Duff was sworn in as Moderator.

### APPROVE MINUTES

Moderator Duff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous annual meeting. Dave Barnes made the motion to approve the April 14, 2015, Annual Town Meeting Minutes. Mary Carroll seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. All in favor.

### ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk Reed read the beginning and ending balances of each fund as reported on the Supervisor's Annual Treasurer's Report.

	<u>March 31, 2015</u>	<u>March 31, 2016</u>
General Town Fund	\$ 418,946.69	\$ 443,100.08
General Assistance Fund	\$ 56,982.67	\$ 67,138.58
Park Maintenance Fund	\$ 160,956.76	\$ 170,397.43
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 419,865.69	\$ 336,881.48
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 638,276.54	\$ 272,020.90

Sanitary Sewer Fund

\$ 4,857,089.94

\$ 4,886,028.04

Dave Barnes made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Treasurer's Report. Keith Sturgis seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. All in favor.

### TOWNSHIP PROJECTS

Supervisor Barnes reviewed past and future projects for the Township.

Supervisor Barnes announced the projects completed in fiscal year 2015/2016 and projects planned for 2016/2017 are posted at the township's website. A five year plan for the township is also posted at the website.

Supervisor Barnes reviewed projects completed in fiscal year 2015/2016:

- resealed office parking lot;
- repaired Whiteside, Loop Creek, and Wolf Branch Tennis Courts;
- hydraulic lift
- sewer pipe locator
- new sewer camera with an automatic lens cleaner
- purchased a new gas detector
- mulched part of trail at Centennial Park
- phase 1 maintenance at sewer plant
- relined 3 deteriorating manholes at sewer plant
- sewer lining of main trunk lines West Blvd, Sumpter to Springfield, Bunker Hill, Antiquity Lane, Winthrop, San Mateo, and Orchard Dr.
- new pumps at some lift stations

Projects planned for 2016/2017 are:

- yearly tennis court maintenance;
- repair trails at Centennial Park
- lime rock instead of wood mulch at Centennial Park
- expanding parking lot at Centennial Park
- replace playground equipment at Loop Creek Park
- waiting to replace Northland sewer lines until subsidence stops
- roof on sewer plant
- resurface parking lot at sewer plant;
- raise UV lights at the sewer plant to allow for increased water levels
- Phase II maintenance at sewer plant
- Upgrade electrical panel at lift station
- 5 manholes and 5 problem sewer lines relined;
- Purchase mini excavator
- Antibacterial cleaning system for the Vactor truck

### ROAD DISTRICT PROJECTS

Road Commissioner Kernan reviewed the maintenance the road crew regularly performs. He stated the maintenance that is done on the 60 miles of roads under township jurisdiction includes grass cutting, trimming trees, replacing signs, street sweeping, keeping ditches clear and tarring.

Road Commissioner Kernan provided a list of projects completed in fiscal year 2015/2016 and a list of proposed road projects for the coming fiscal year. Major projects completed this year were on Shady Lane, Sir Arthur Court, Edgewater, Whiteside, Coral, and Elizabeth Drives. Concrete work of some kind was done on 16 streets and blacktop work was done on 20 streets.

Mr. Kernan stated the first project for 2016/2017 will be the reopening of Mine Haul Road. Other projects expected for 2016/2017 are Narcissus Drive, Minden Drive, and Short 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Donley asked Road Commissioner Kernan if he had any plans to do improvements on "B" Street Road. Mr. Kernan said it would be a couple million dollar project and until the state got its budget worked out there would be no plan for "B" Street Road.

Tim Buchanan asked Road Commissioner Kernan if he still had five employees even though the Township Board had only approved funds for four employees. Mr. Kernan said he still had five employees.

John Tiernan read a petition signed by 38 township residents requesting a Special Town Meeting to discuss the Road District Budget and the possible transfer of funds to the Road District. The petition requested the meeting be held at Whiteside School. Mr. Tiernan requested that the clerk inform him when a date for the meeting is set.

Jill Halupa asked who would provide services to unincorporated areas of the township if the township would be abolished.

Dean Wallen stated at one time he circulated about 300 survey letters in the Villa Madero area asking residents if they preferred to stay unincorporated, or be annexed to Shiloh or Belleville.

He said three wanted to be annexed by Belleville, six wanted to be annexed by Shiloh, but the majority wanted to remain unincorporated.

NEXT ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

Dave Barnes made a motion to schedule the next Annual Town Meeting on April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Building, 107 Service Street, Swansea. Dave Donley seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 8:10 p.m. Dave Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Maloy seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

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Brenda Reed  
St. Clair Township Clerk

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Steve Duff  
Moderator

Approved: April 11, 2017