

Executive Session - Township Meeting

DATE: August 17, 2010

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Clair Township
107 Service Street
Swansea, IL 62226

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Buchanan, Supervisor
Mary Carroll, Clerk
Bob Trentman, Trustee
Dave Barnes, Trustee
Richard Schobert, Trustee
Greg Bridgman, Trustee
Mark Burk, Hwy Commissioner

At the regular meeting of the St. Clair Township board, Trustee Barnes had made a motion to move that the Board go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the Township or Road District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the Township or Road District, and to consider potential litigation, and the Board finds that an action is probable or imminent. It was seconded by Trustee Schobert. All were in favor.

Ron Stuckel directed the Board members to the information they received:

- Swansea's proposed contract;
- Bill Stiehl's 5/28/10 response to the proposed contract;
- Kurowski's response to Supervisor Buchanan's questions and Bill Stiehl's 5/28/10 letter; and
- Ron Stuckel's flow study conclusion including the Swansea plant flow data.

Mr. Stuckel said that population increase projections are less than what Swansea had projected. Swansea projects 34% increase in population and after Mr. Stuckel's analysis, he believes that 25.6% should be the correct population growth. He said that one reason they over projected was because they showed growth in flood plain areas and also affluent subdivisions. Neither of these areas should see growth.

There were lots of questions and discussion back and forth. It was agreed that a proposal to the Village of Swansea be made to meet with them at the table to work things out in person rather than by mailing letters back and forth. It was agreed that the Township's team would consist of Engineer Dave Rowden, Engineer Bill Stuckel, and Attorney Bill Stiehl. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Swansea's attorney to propose the meeting. Also, Attorney Stiehl would call him prior to sending the letter to make him aware that it was coming. It was agreed that both parties would need to send information they propose to discuss ahead of time so both sides could be prepared for the meeting. This was the end of the sewer discussion.

Supervisor Buchanan then said that he received a letter dated 7/19/10 from the Union who represents the Road District Employees lodging a complaint against Hwy Commissioner Mark

Burk. Supervisor Buchanan reminded the Board they have no authority over Mark, but because the letter was addressed to St. Clair Township, he felt obliged to make the Board aware of it. He also reminded them this information should be kept confidential. The letter stated that Mark had asked them employees to dig without getting proper authorization from utilities. It also stated that the DOL investigated and no violations had occurred. After everyone had time to read the letter, they were asked to turn the letter back in for confidentiality reasons.

Trustee Schobert made a motion to close the Executive Session and Trustee Bridgman seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All in favor. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. and returned to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Carroll
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Township Clerk

