

Executive Session St. Clair Township

DATE: December 13, 2011

TIME: 7:26 p.m.

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

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

At 7:26 p.m. at the Regular Board Meeting, Trustee Barnes made a motion to go into closed Executive Session for purposes of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a Township employee, and for the purpose of considering litigation, and the Board finds that an action involving the Township is probable or imminent. It was seconded by Trustee Bridgman Roll call vote. Trentman-NO, Bridgman-YES, Schobert- NO, Barnes-YES, Buchanan-YES. Motion Carries.

Supervisor Buchanan said we were in negotiations with a gentleman for purchase of an easement. The person is Neil Trentman. Trustee Trentman said he does not know Neil Trentman and rescued himself from voting, but then changed his mind.

Supervisor Buchanan directed the Board to items #8 a map, #9 a proposal from Trentman, and #10 an opinion from Attorney Stiehl that were in the Board packets. This project has to do with the erosion of a manhole and sewer line at 1200 Carlyle Avenue. The Township has been given two alternatives by KDG to repair. The first is bank stabilization (\$79,520) and the second is to relocate the sewer away from the creek (\$81,438). It is KDG's recommendation to relocate. Ron Stuckel from KDG summarized the options and answered questions from the Board members. It was agreed by all, to allow Supervisor Buchanan to negotiate with Neil Trentman on the items in his proposal for compensation that were in still in question.

At 7:56 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session.

At 9:40 p.m. the Board resumed Executive Session

Supervisor Buchanan provided a copy of an email letter dated 11/15/11 from Michael Provines, the Illinois Labor Board Investigator from the State of Illinois, to the Township's attorney David Frenzia of the Lowenbaum Partnership, LLC. regarding the grievance that Sue Gruberman filed against Supervisor Buchanan. He also provided a letter dated 11/25/11 responding to Mr. Provines. After the Board read the charges and the response, it was recommended that in the future Supervisor Buchanan record conversations with the employees. It was stated that recording the conversation may have prevented this grievance and possible future ones. Supervisor Buchanan agreed, and said he would get a recorder.

Supervisor Buchanan provided Swansea's sewer agreement proposal to the Board. Supervisor Buchanan pointed out the sections that were in question. The main point was there was no explanation or rationale for the \$850,000 annual fee. Supervisor Buchanan said he would ask Mayor Rauckman to provide a rationale for the \$850,000 annual charge.

Respectfully submitted:



Mary Carroll
Township Clerk

