

Executive Session St. Clair Township

DATE: January 10, 2012
TIME: 8:03 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

At 8:03 p.m. at the Regular Board Meeting, Trustee Barnes made a motion to go into closed Executive Session for purposes of purchasing real property, 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 Schobert. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Supervisor Buchanan said that Neil Trentman (regarding the sewer relocation project) has proposed two additional items in the easement purchase agreement, 1) to fill pipe that will be abandoned and 2) to create a 1,000 square foot rock parking lot instead of restoring the area after construction. There was discussion around the project. Supervisor Buchanan said he told Mr. Trentman the Township would be willing to scoop out a 1,000 foot area to prep for a parking lot but would not rock the area. The engineer said that the lot prep and the restoration would be about equal costs. The Township would use the area to hold the rock being used on the project. Mr. Trentman said that would be ok. Supervisor Buchanan said that Ron Stuckel told him that filling of the line is standard and they will do that anyway. Supervisor Buchanan will meet with Mr. Trentman on Thursday and go over these items.

Supervisor Buchanan reminded the Board that he had asked Swansea for justification of the number they provided and their response. Supervisor Buchanan went over notes he prepared about meeting he had with Mayor Rauckman on 12/19/11. After discussion, it was agreed by all that the Township would go back to the sewer use agreement's original formula that was based on real numbers and actual operating costs.

Supervisor Buchanan then brought up the reserve fund that the Township paid into with the original contract. There was discussion whether legal action should be taken. Swansea has still not been able to account for the money which was over \$1 million. Even though the Township may not be able to retrieve it all, we could go back at least a few years. It was agreed that Supervisor Buchanan will ask the attorney to prepare a draft letter asking for the last three years of money paid in to be reimbursed to the Township.

Supervisor Buchanan said in addition, there are two shared lift stations in which we pay all of the usage costs. There is no agreement currently, but it was agreed that starting this year we would let Swansea know we expect them to pay the Township for the usage.

At 8:56 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session.

Respectfully submitted:



Mary Carroll
Township Clerk

