

SENECA TOWNSHIP
Regular Monthly Minutes
December 9, 2014

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Seneca Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor James Kagel at the Seneca Township Building located at 16506 Garden Valley Road, Woodstock, Illinois.

Township Officials in Attendance: Supervisor James Kagel, Trustees Rosemary Bartman, Susan Mathews, Thomas Dahlfors, and Michael O'Leary, Road Commissioner Scott Swanson, Assessor Paul Bockman, and Clerk Dawn Seemann. Absent Officials: None.

Guests in Attendance: Bob Krause, Andy Walter, Nicholas Opie, Ken Louderman

Minutes: Dahlfors motioned to approve the November 11, 2014 minutes as presented. Second by O'Leary. Motion passed.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Mathews motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of November 12, 2014 through December 9, 2014 in the amount of \$12,154.78. Second by Dahlfors. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - Dahlfors motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of November 12, 2014 through December 9, 2014 in the amount of \$16,917.53. Second by Mathews. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mathews motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014. Second by O'Leary. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Checking	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Town Fund	\$218,410.62	0	(\$6,914.12)	\$718.48	\$212,214.98
Road & Bridge	\$151,460.93	0	(\$7,348.58)	\$392.21	\$144,504.56

CD	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Road & Bridge	0	0	0	0	0

Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$102,153.53	0	0	\$15.51	\$102,169.04
Perm Hard Road	\$244,897.00	0	(\$2,414.95)	\$483.27	\$242,965.32
Bldg & Maintenance	\$26,433.03	0	0	\$98.03	\$26,531.06

General Assistance Report: Kagel reported he had two applicants call for appointments. Neither one of them showed up.

Clerk's Report: Seemann gave the board an updated schedule of the Planning Commission Members' terms.

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson reported he ordered 300 tons of salt, and has been doing regular road maintenance.

Assessor's Report: Bockman informed the board he has been working on getting the property information onto the township website for public access. In addition, after the 1st of the year, he will be checking on all properties without permits to see how far they are coming along.

New Business:

A. Bob Krause to address board regarding the township taking over Millstream Estates streets: Mr. Krause, along with other Millstream Estates residents, addressed the board with their concern of who is responsible for plowing their subdivision roads. A write-up of what had been discussed previously with Road Commissioner Swanson, as well as what they are asking for along with safety reasons, and the amount of taxes they have paid to Seneca Township was presented to each board member for review. The Millstream Estates residents voiced their concerns and frustrations they have due to the roads not being plowed by our Road Commissioner. Swanson addressed them by stating the money it would cost to plow their subdivision roads is not the issue. He stated the subdivision is private property owned by Jim Hennig, not the township, and legally has no jurisdiction to those roads until the developer (Mr. Hennig) turns it over to the township, therefore, he cannot plow the roads without liability. Mr. Krause asked why nobody told them that when they moved in? Swanson stated they should ask Mr. Hennig. To date, Mr. Hennig has not complied with multiple stipulations agreed upon between him and Swanson. Swanson added, the county Planning and Development Department is in charge of everything that goes on with that subdivision. The county and Swanson have to approve the blacktop that was laid, signage has to be updated (stop signs, road signs, etc.), and the ditches have to be cleaned, (Swanson over-ruled the stipulation that all mailboxes need to be 3 feet off the road). The residents asked the reason they are paying taxes to the township if they are not receiving services? Swanson stated they are using township roads the second they leave their subdivision. They asked what they need/can do to get the subdivision finished so it could be turned over to the township? Swanson recommended that they go to the county Planning and Development Department and talk to "Mike" to get their answers. He will talk to the Planning and Development Department as well, on their behalf. Swanson reiterated that he needs paperwork from the county before he could do anything, which Mr. Hennig is in control of.

B. Appoint Phillip Lauf to another 2-year term on the Planning Commission retroactive to October 2014: Dahlfors motioned to appoint Phillip Lauf to another 2-year term (October 2014 through October 2016). Second by O'Leary. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report: Kagel received an email from the City of Woodstock Economic Development Coordinator, Joseph Napolitano, asking the Seneca Township's support for an Enterprise Zone. The

email explains the reasoning behind the application for an Enterprise Zone. Although none of the proposed areas are in Seneca Township, it could benefit township residents if they got a job there. This proposal will not affect Seneca Township's taxes at all. Dahlfors motioned to approve Kagel to draft a letter of support to the City of Woodstock. Second by O'Leary. Motion passed with 4 yes to 1 no vote.

Motion to Adjourn: At 7:35 p.m. Dahlfors motioned to adjourn tonight's regular monthly meeting. Second by O'Leary. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk