

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 10, 2016

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Seneca Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 pm 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 Susan Mathews, Rosemary Bartman, and Michael O'Leary, Road Commissioner Scott Swanson, and Clerk Dawn Seemann. Absent Officials: Assessor Paul Bockman and Vacant Trustee position.

Guests in Attendance: Trisha Doornbosch.

Public Speaking: Ms. Doornbosch spoke to the board about the Kishwaukee River Feeder Stream. She informed the board that she has been having problems with flooding in her basement and on her land for the last year and a half. She has lived her 37 years and hasn't had this trouble before. Ms. Doornbosch said she spoke with IDOT who told her the high water is "not a result of the bridgework." She spoke with the McHenry County Planning and Development Department who told her it was "beaver activity." She passed around pictures showing the beaver activity. She asked the board if they could take action so the stream would flow freely again, remove the dams, and possibly mosquito abatement. The board informed Ms. Doornbosch that they cannot go on private property because it is against the law, and told her to contact the Army Corp of Engineers.

Minutes: Bartman motioned to approve the April 12, 2016 Regular Monthly 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 April 13, 2016 through May 10, 2016 in the amount of \$13,834.19. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - Mathews motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of April 13, 2016 through May 10, 2016 in the amount of \$12,791.23. Second by O'Leary. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mathews motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of April 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016, as listed below. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Checking	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Town Fund	\$160,387.34	0	(\$7,233.28)	\$891.20	\$154,045.26
Road & Bridge	\$91,546.18	0	(\$6,857.89)	\$1,277.43	\$85,965.72

Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$102,500.25	0	(\$300.00)	\$8.38	\$102,208.63
Perm Hard Road	\$215,408.11	0	(\$3,092.50)	\$17.66	\$212,333.27
Bldg & Maintenance	\$20,851.82	0	0	\$1.71	\$20,853.53

General Assistance Report: Kagel asked the board what their thoughts were regarding the need for continuing to carry Catastrophic Insurance. Some supervisors have chosen not to keep it because of Obama Care - everyone is covered. The board felt we should continue to have it.

Clerk's Report: Seemann has nothing to report this month.

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson put the 2nd half of Perkins Road paving project out for bid. They are due back to him by June 1st. In addition, Swanson took the plows off the trucks, picked up garbage along the right-of-ways, and did general maintenance.

Assessor's Report: Bockman was absent from tonight's meeting, but forwarded an email to Seemann regarding his report, which stated the following: 1. He received a FOIA from Zillow, for which he ran reports and forwarded them; 2. The final decisions from the county were mailed to him. They have been scanned, entered into our program, and attached to the hard copy record card; 3. He received questions from the county that must be answered when he turns in his assessment books for 2016, which he hopes to turn in by mid-July. He has been doing field work in order to answer some of the questions, which will continue through June; 4. He began doing checks for occupancy, sales, new construction, and permits; 5. He anticipates the phone being busy next week due to the Treasurer's Office mailing the tax bills on Friday, May 13, 2016.

Planning Commission: Kagel reminded the board that we are still one member short and discussed what they'd like to do about it.

New Business:

A. Discuss and act on filling trustee position of former member Roger Sass, Sr.: Following discussion, the board decided to have Seemann put a vacancy notice on our Website.

Supervisor's Report: Kagel has nothing to report this month.

Motion to Adjourn: At 7:16 p.m. O'Leary motioned to adjourn tonight's Regular Monthly Meeting. Second by Bartman. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk