

SENECA TOWNSHIP
Annual Town Meeting
Minutes
April 14, 2009

The Annual Town Meeting for the Township of Seneca, County of McHenry, State of Illinois, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Dawn Seemann at the Seneca Township Building located at 16506 Garden Valley Road, Woodstock, Illinois.

Electors Present: Dawn Seemann, Robert Helfers, Robert McCann, Scott Swanson, James Kagel, Susan Mathews, Mary McCann, Michael O'Leary, Steven Stanislaus, Tom Dahlfors, Robert Pope, Jim Phillips, Iris Hensley, Tom Craven, Thelma Craven, Rosemary Bartman, Brett Gieseke, Ed Dolatowski, Norb Ziemer, Don Andrews, James Kelly, Marilyn Kelly, and Gary Votava.

Nomination for Moderator: Rosemary Bartman motioned to nominate Brett Gieseke as tonight's moderator. Second by Thomas Dahlfors. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken to approve Mr. Gieseke as moderator. Motion passed.

Oath of Office: The Oath of Office for Moderator was administered to Brett Gieseke by Clerk Dawn Seemann.

Introduction of Township Officials Present: All of Seneca Township's elected officials were present and introduced.

Purpose of Annual Town Meeting: The purpose of the Annual Town Meeting is so the residents of Seneca Township could come together and discuss what they'd like to see accomplished in their township, as well as make decisions. It gives everyone a chance to voice their opinions.

Reading/Approval of the 2008 Annual Town Meeting Minutes: Rosemary Bartman motioned to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. Second by Susan Mathews. Motion passed.

Motion to set the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year: Thomas Dahlfors motioned to set the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year for the Township as April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Second by Michael O'Leary. Motion passed.

Motion to set the date for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting: Robert Helfers motioned to set the date for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting for April 13, 2010, to take place at the Seneca Township building, at 7:00 p.m. Second by Mary McCann. Motion passed.

Motion to set the Regular Monthly Meeting Dates: James Kagel motioned to set the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Township for fiscal year 2009-2010 for the second Tuesday of each month to begin at 7:00 p.m.; with the exception of the April 13, 2010 meeting that will begin immediately following the budget hearings; to take place in the Township Hall located at 16506 Garden Valley Road, Woodstock, Il. Second by Thomas Dahlfors. Motion passed.

Reading of the Supervisor's Annual Report of the Township and Road District: Township Clerk Dawn Seemann read aloud the Supervisor's Annual Report of the Township and Road District for fiscal year April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

Other Business to Come Before the Meeting:

- A. **Planning Commission Report** - Nothing to report
- B. **Resolution to sell excess or obsolete Road District equipment** - None.
- C. **Review resident's 2008 suggestions to the Board** - No suggestions to review.
- D. **Correspondence from State Representative Jack Franks** - Supervisor Ersel Schuster received a letter from Jack Franks asking the board if they had any future legislation we'd like him to work with, or funds we needed, etc. Thomas Dahlfors asked if we could refer the repair of township roads following the use of the roads by state detours? Schuster stated that we could.
- E. **Other business that may, in pursuance of law, come before the electors** - Jim Phillips had questions concerning property owned by the Schuler's. Supervisor Schuster explained to him that the issue was in court.
 - Tom Craven would like the board to follow up on the Schuler issue and force a ¾ vote by the county board. Mary McCann (member of the county board) explained that a ¾ majority vote would not have made a difference and the case is now in front of a judge. Mr. Craven asked if we could present our case to the judge? Schuster stated that a letter from the township will follow the case to court. She added that this issue is out of our hands now, and it's with the State's Attorney.
 - Mary McCann suggested that the board write a letter to the McHenry County Department of Transportation regarding the safety at the intersection of Sullivan and Collins Roads. She feels this will become more dangerous than it already is when the bridge repair begins on Kishwaukee Valley Road. She suggested asking for a stop light at that intersection. Road Commissioner Robert Helfers asked McCann if for sure the roads will be closed. She stated "yes, - possibly sometime in November." Gary Votava asked if the township roads needed to be up to certain state specs to be used as a detour? Helfers stated, "Not that I'm aware of." Helfers added that he has asked the state for reimbursement for the repair to the damage that will be done due to the detour, but more than likely won't get any kind of reimbursement.

Motion to Adjourn: At 7:39 p.m. Thomas Dahlfors motioned to adjourn the April 14, 2009 Annual Town Meeting. Second by Michael O'Leary. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk