

## November 14, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Seneca Township Board of Trustee was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Ersel Schuster at the Seneca Township Building located at 16506 Garden Valley Road, Woodstock, Illinois.

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Township Officials in Attendance:** Supervisor Ersel Schuster, Trustees Rosemary Bartman, Susan Mathews, Thomas Dahlfors, and Michael O'Leary, Road Commissioner Robert Helfers, Assessor Donald Andrews, and Clerk Dawn Seemann.

**Guests in Attendance:** Elizabeth Ziemer, Norbert Ziemer.

**Public Speaking:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Dahlfors made a motion to approve the October 10, 2006 Regular Monthly Minutes as presented. Seconded by O'Leary. Motion passed.

### **Audit of Current Bills:**

**Road District** – Dahlfors made a motion to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of October 11, 2006 through November 14, 2006 in the amount of \$11,799.97. Seconded by O'Leary. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

**Town Fund**– Bartman made a motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of October 11, 2006 through November 14, 2006 in the amount of \$5,886.60. Seconded by Dahlfors. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** October 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006, as listed below:

**Illinois Fund** – O'Leary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the Illinois Fund for the period of October 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006. Seconded by Dahlfors. Motion passed.

Illinois Fund	Previous Balance	Trans to Prime	Expenses	Income	Ending Balance
General Assistance	\$22,509.14	0	0	\$341.70	\$22,850.84
Town Fund	\$112,414.22	0	\$5,510.09	\$18,214.48	\$125,118.61
Road & Bridge	\$96,435.40	0	\$4,585.21	\$27,198.47	\$96,435.45
Permanent Hard Road	\$62,668.72	0	\$0	\$12,125.44	\$74,794.16
Building & Equipment	\$33,311.89	0	\$26,742.40	\$3,057.41	\$9,626.90

**Prime Fund** – Dahlfors made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the Prime Fund for the period of October 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006. Seconded by Mathews. Motion passed.

Prime Fund	Previous Balance	Trans Between Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Balance
General Assistance	\$69,863.55	0	0	\$309.90	\$70,173.45
Town Fund	\$246,085.52	0	0	\$1,091.61	\$247,177.13
Road & Bridge	\$112,943.79	0	0	\$501.00	\$113,444.79

**General Assistance:** Nothing to report.

**Clerk's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Road Commissioner's Report:** Helpers stated that the roof on the existing building was painted, everything is ready for winter, he has the walls up on the new salt shed and will start putting the hoops up and the roof on. He added that there are still a few more trees that need to be cut down in the right-of-ways.

**Assessor's Report:** Assessor Andrews stated that he is finished with the appeals on the tax assessments. He said he had about eight appeals, all of which got a small reduction.  
- Andrews signed up for two classes in March for the same week in Springfield.  
- In addition, he stated that the Nissan building in Seneca Township has a higher assessed rate than the building in Marengo Township due to the reduction they received last year.

**Planning Commission: - Information/review/action**

- A. **Commission Activity Report – applications / none** – Schuster informed the Board that although there were notices in the newspaper and on the website regarding the Planning Commission openings, no applications were submitted. A newsletter was suggested to be the next option.
- B. **Petition #06-71 – ZBA Hearing 11/1/06 – Attorney Steve Cuda & Petitioner Ziemer** – Attorney Steve Cuda and Petitioner Norbert Ziemer elaborated on their proposed petition to reclassify property from A1 to A2. The Board then discussed the petition. Dahlfors made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Petition #06-71 including the replacement septic system requirement. Seconded by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed. Schuster will draft a letter to the County Board.
- C. **Petition #06-58 – Alan & Lynn Muir A1 to A1C – Heliport site** – During discussion regarding this petition the Board of Trustees found that, 1) enforcement of this request would be non-existent; 2) neighboring farm animals have been injured as a direct result of illegal operation of this aircraft; and, 3) "Notice of Hearing" signs were not visible on the property. Dahlfors made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny Petition #06-58 based on their stated reasons, as well as, the points discussed by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by O'Leary. Voting yes to deny this petition: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed. Schuster will draft a letter to the County Board.
- D. **Update on Pending zoning petitions**– A hearing is set for 11/20/06 in Marengo to change the zoning map with regards to the Northwest Center of Commerce. The proposal is to change the zoning on lots 1-8 and 11-19 from M1 (manufacturing) to BP (business park).

**Old Business: Information/review/action**

- A. **Building Project**– Last month Schuster had sent a copy of the architect's contract to our attorney for him to review. The attorney sent back a letter with questions for the architect. These questions were forwarded to the architect, who in turn revised his contract. The Board reviewed and discussed the revised contract. The Board would like the architect to come to our next meeting in order to discuss the contract with him in greater detail. Schuster will contact the architect and invite him to our next meeting. In addition, she will make a line item transfer for the transfer of funds to the building fund.

**New Business: Information/review/action**

- A. **IMRF – Ballot**– Ballots were sent to the Board regarding the election of Executive Trustees of the IMRF. The IMRF needs one person from our Board to be the authorized agent of IMRF. Dahlfors made a motion for Schuster to be our authorized agent for IMRF. Seconded by O'Leary. Voting

yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed. The votes were then taken to elect the Executive Trustees of the IMRF. Schuster filled out the ballots and will mail them back.

- B. **Town Levy Dec. 2006** – Schuster informed the Board that she went up to the 5%, then backed off \$50.00 so we wouldn't black border. Dahlfors made a motion to accept the Town Levy as presented and place it on display until the 12th of December, to be approved on 12/12/06. Seconded by Bartman. Motion passed.
- C. **Road District Levy Dec. 2006** – Helfers presented his Road District Levy to the Board. Dahlfors made a motion to accept the Road District Levy as presented and place it on display until the 12th of December, to be approved on 12/12/06. Seconded by O'Leary. Motion passed.
- D. **Kishwaukee Valley Water Authority** – Schuster provided information to the town board regarding a ballot initiative being proposed by a group of residents known as the Alliance for Land, Agriculture and Water (A-LAW). Two questions will be proposed to residents in the McHenry County townships of Chemung, Alden, Hebron, Dunham, Hartland, Greenwood, Marengo, Seneca, Riley and Coral, excluding those areas within the corporate boundaries of Woodstock, Harvard and Marengo; all townships in Boone and DeKalb counties excluding those areas with the corporate boundaries of Belvidere, DeKalb and Sycamore. It is planned that the questions will be on the April 17, 2007 ballot and will ask if the Kishwaukee Valley Water Authority shall be established for this area and if the residents will fund the authority. The petition will be filed in on 11/27/06 in DeKalb County Circuit Court. A general discussion on the topic ensued.
- E. **Legislation – Perspective 2006** – Nothing to discuss this month.
- F. **Newsletter – Nov. 2006** – The Board discussed sending out a newsletter. If Schuster has enough information to justify sending out a newsletter, she will do so.

**Executive Session:** At 9:49 P.M. Dahlfors made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Seconded by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

**Motion to go back into Open Session:** At 9:59 P.M. Bartman made a motion to go back into open session. Seconded by Dahlfors. Motion passed.

**Motion to Adjourn:** At 10:00 P.M. O'Leary made a motion to adjourn tonight's regular monthly meeting. Seconded by Dahlfors. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann  
Township Clerk