

October 10, 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, and Thomas Dahlfors, and Clerk Dawn Seemann. Absent Officials: Road Commissioner Robert Helfers, Assessor Donald Andrews, and Trustee Michael O'Leary.

Guests in Attendance: Tom Meyer, Tom Rausch.

Public Speaking: None.

Approval of Minutes: Dahlfors made a motion to approve the September 12, 2006 Regular Monthly Minutes as presented. Seconded by Bartman. Motion passed.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District –Dahlfors made a motion to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of September 13, 2006 through October 10, 2006 in the amount of \$31,557.42. Seconded by Mathews. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund–Bartman made a motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of September 13, 2006 through October 10, 2006 in the amount of \$7,726.27. Seconded by Dahlfors. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

General Assistance-Dahlfors made a motion to approve the General Assistance bills for the period of September 13, 2006 through October 10, 2006 in the amount of \$225.00. Seconded by Mathews. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: September 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006, as listed below:

Illinois Fund –Dahlfors made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the Illinois Fund for the period of September 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. Seconded by Mathews. Motion passed.

| Illinois Fund | Previous Balance | Trans to Prime | Expenses | Income | Ending Balance |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| General Assistance | \$21,949.55 | 0 | \$225.00 | \$784.59 | \$22,509.14 |
| Town Fund | \$85,128.68 | 0 | \$19,827.75 | \$47,113.29 | \$112,414.22 |
| Road & Bridge | \$75,618.68 | 0 | \$6,381.70 | \$27,198.47 | \$96,435.45 |
| Permanent Hard Road | \$85,886.03 | 0 | \$57,266.78 | \$34,049.47 | \$62,668.72 |
| Building & Equipment | \$25,354.04 | 0 | \$623.00 | \$8,580.85 | \$33,311.89 |

Prime Fund –Dahlfors made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the Prime Fund for the period of September 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006. Seconded by Mathews. Motion passed.

| Prime Fund | Previous Balance | Trans Between Funds | Expenses | Income | Ending Balance |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|----------------|
| General Assistance | \$69,566.16 | 0 | 0 | \$297.39 | \$69,863.55 |
| Town Fund | \$245,038.00 | 0 | 0 | \$1,047.52 | \$246,085.52 |
| Road & Bridge | \$112,463.02 | 0 | 0 | \$480.77 | \$112,943.79 |

General Assistance: Schuster reported she made a payment of \$225.00 to Dorr Township for qualifying person who previously was a member of Seneca Township.

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

Road Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Helfers is on vacation. No report. Helfers had asked Schuster to keep a watch out for certain bills that may come due. Schuster has four bills that are due before next month's meeting, but wants to wait until Helfers okays them before she pays them. The bills are as follows: Peabody's (\$15.60), Marengo Disposal (\$30.00), Woodstock Power & Equip. (\$149.76), and Rockford Diesel Injection (\$217.44). Dahlfors made a motion to approve Schuster to pay the bills in the amount not to exceed the total amounts specified for these four bills. Seconded by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Andrews is at an election judge training meeting. In addition, he is still working on the Nissan assessment.

Planning Commission: - Information/review/action

- A. **Commission Activity Report** – Chairman Pat Andrews informed Schuster that she would be stepping down at the end of this year, but said she would be happy to be a consultant if needed. Two other planning commission members are unable to attend the meetings on a regular basis. Therefore, we technically may have three positions open for the planning commission. Seemann will post a notice on the website, as well as, send a notice to the Northwest Herald informing the public to these openings.
- B. **Petition #06-71** – To date, the petitioners haven't contacted us and we haven't received an amended petition.
- C. **Petition #06-67 & 68 – Hobe Road:** Schuster informed the Board that the Planning Commission did not have a quorum last night, therefore, there is no recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding these petitions. Attorney Rausch and Petitioner Tom Meyer are here to address the Board regarding these petitions. Mr. Meyer brought blueprints showing his 15-acre parcel of land, which includes his house. He informed the Board that he would like to build another house on this 15 acre parcel. Mr. Meyer showed blueprints with the proposed rezoning he is asking for. He explained where the new house would be built, where the driveway would be, as well as why the proposed rezoned parcels are being proposed the way they are. Attorney Rausch elaborated by explaining the reasoning behind the strange configuration of the rezoning. He stated they had to abide by the plat act. He explained that they are asking for A2 zoning on 2 parcels, and keeping A1 on the third. Mr. Meyer stated that his plan is to build a retirement home for he and his wife, and possibly rent out the existing house to a family member. Upon further discussion of this issue, Dahlfors made a motion to approve petition #06-67 & 68. This proposed rezoning does meet the Seneca Township land use plan for ag/rural and is consistent with the surrounding properties. Seconded by Mathews. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed. Schuster will draft a letter and have it ready for them to pick up in time for the ZBA meeting tomorrow.
- D. **Petition #06-20 – Jeff & Barbara Janet** – still pending with ZBA – Nothing more at this time.
- E. **Follow-up on 18904 Kishwaukee Valley Road Zoning Issues** – Schuster stated that nothing has changed. Soccer games are still taking place.

Old Business:

- A. **Building Project**– Schuster received a letter and contract from the architect outlining the steps we need to take, as well as, his fees. A down payment is due prior to our next meeting. Dahlfors would like O'Leary and Helfers to look at the document prior to making any decisions. Schuster stated she would show Helfers the contract tomorrow, and fax it to O'Leary for him to review. She

will then contact the architect to ask for an extension until after our next meeting to make the down payment. This issue will be put on next month's agenda for possible approval. Schuster asked the Board if they'd like her take the contract to our attorney for review? Dahlfors made a motion for Schuster to take the contract to our attorney. Seconded by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, Schuster. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

- B. **Website** – constituent suggestion – Schuster said a constituent e-mailed her asking if residents could input suggestions on the website? The Board felt it would be hard to censor, therefore, it would not be a good idea.
- C. **Pandemic Grant – update** – Schuster was informed that we did not get the grant.

CNew Business: Information/review/action

- A. **Legislation – Perspective 2006** – Nothing to discuss this month.
- B. **TOI – Proposed Legislative Initiatives** – Schuster distributed a list of suggestions for our Legislatures to discuss. Many of them are still from years past that haven't been resolved. The Board discussed and reviewed this list. Dahlfors made a motion to support the Legislative Initiatives as addressed. Seconded by Mathews. Motion passed. Schuster will send this on to TOI.

Other: Information/review/action

-Schuster received a letter from the McHenry County Oak Conservation Collaborative asking our township if we would like free 2 – 3 foot tall Oak Trees. McHenry County Nursery would supply the trees in pots. The letter goes on to say that youth groups such as girl scouts, boy scouts, 4-H programs, etc. would plant, cage, mulch, and water these trees for one to two growing seasons, at no cost to us. The Board unanimously felt that would be extremely nice to have these trees planted around the township's property. Schuster will contact them.

-TOI is celebrating it's100th year anniversary. They are going to be doing a brochure and ask if we would like to place an ad in this brochure. The Board agreed not to participate.

-Schuster informed the Board that she did ask Attorney Brekin to return the information we had sent him.

Motion to Adjourn: At 8:59 P.M. Dahlfors made a motion to adjourn tonight's regular monthly meeting. Seconded by Mathews. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk