

SENECA TOWNSHIP
Regular Monthly Minutes
August 9, 2011

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Seneca Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 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, Assessor Paul Bockman, Road Commissioner Scott Swanson, and Clerk Dawn Seemann. Absent Officials: None.

Guests in Attendance: Judy Rushton

Public Speaking: Judy Rushton spoke about a concern she had about a vacant lot next door to her property on Savannah Lane in Woodstock. She stated the deck is falling off and the weeds are growing very tall. She asked if there was anything the township could do about it? Road Commissioner Swanson will check into this and get back to her.

Minutes: Dahlfors motioned to approve the July 12, 2011 minutes as presented. Second by O’Leary. A correction was made by Swanson to the wording in the Road Commissioner’s Report. Motion passed with correction.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Mathews motioned to approve the Road District bills for the period of July 13, 2011 through August 9, 2011 in the amount of \$30,013.09. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - Dahlfors motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for the period of July 13, 2011 through August 9, 2011 in the amount of \$7,932.06. Second by O’Leary. 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 July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011, as listed below. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Harris Checking	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Town Fund	\$126,624.52	0	(\$17,097.30)	\$2,467.20	\$111,994.42
Road & Bridge	\$46,185.62	0	(\$6,747.12)	\$4,681.71	\$44,120.21

Harris CD	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Road & Bridge	\$126,317.43	0	0	\$157.38	\$126,474.81

Harris Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$102,804.19	0	(\$1,060.00)	\$39.24	\$101,783.43
Perm Hard Road	\$172,685.19	0	(\$17,662.67)	\$1,379.79	\$156,402.31
Bldg & Maintenance	\$49,201.56	0	0	\$339.95	\$49,541.51

General Assistance Report: Kagel has nothing to report this month.

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

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson reported Sunnyside Road has been paved and shouldered.

- Trees are being cleaned up from the past storms
- Last month it was suggested that the Boy Scouts do some weeding around the township building - Swanson reported he did the weeding himself this month, but the possibility of the Boy Scouts setting up a routine for weeding as a community service project was discussed.

Assessor's Report: Bockman stated the tax assessment letters will be mailed out on the 11th of this month.

- Bockman attended mandatory classes
- The county had questions with some measurements, which Bockman has taken care of
- Bockman is preparing for the tax appeals to begin

Planning Commission Report: Nothing to report this month.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business:

A. Consider paving in the front of salt shed and purchase overhead doors for open part of garage -

Swanson suggested the need for two overhead doors for the road district garage to help protect the equipment from being out in the open, at a cost of approximately \$7200 total. In addition, Swanson would like to pave in front of the salt shed to keep from getting gravel mixed in, which will cause major issues if it gets caught when spreading salt, at a cost of approximately \$4000 for the asphalt only. Greenwood Township has a paver and has offered to do the paving for us. Dahlfors motioned to use Town Funds to pay for the doors and asphalt in the amount not to exceed \$12,000. Second by Mathews. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

Kagel reported he made a transfer from the Road District Fund to the Town Fund to reimburse the Town Fund for Insurance paid by the Town Fund for the total insurance bill when due the first of July because the Road District was at the time short a little money in Road & Bridge. This transfer was made to cover Road & Bridge portion of insurance premiums to TOIRMA.

- A letter from the City of Marengo regarding the TIF was received stating "the original agreement offered 7.5% of the increment shared on a proportional basis based on current tax rates for each district." Since then, "School Districts 165 and 154 pursued further negotiations with the City..." "Districts 165 and 154 have approved an agreement offering 10% rather than the original 7.5%. Accordingly, each of the other taxing bodies is now being asked to approve the 10% agreement as well. " A copy of this agreement was enclosed with this asking for the township to sign and return upon our approval.
- The McHenry County Treasurer's Office sent a letter regarding unclaimed property, for which Seneca Township has nothing to report.
- The McHenry County Planning and Development Department is working on a "Green Infrastructure Plan" and is looking for township input. There is a meeting scheduled for August 10, 2011 at the Administrative Building in Woodstock for those interested.
- McHenry County Gravel Advisory Council sent a letter informing the board that they will be conducting a tour of a gravel mining operation for anyone interested in the spring of 2012.
- The township audit will take place on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the township building.

Adjourn: At 8:00 p.m. Dahlfors motioned to adjourn tonight's regular monthly meeting. Second by Bartman. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann - Township Clerk
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