

SENECA TOWNSHIP
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 14, 2012

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Seneca Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm 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: Bob Pope, Scott Summers .

Public Speaking: Dunham Township Resident Scott Summers informed the board that he is on the County Board ballot. He stopped by our meeting tonight because he is interested to know about what is happening in our township.

Minutes:

Dahlfors motioned to approve the July 10, 2012 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 July 11, 2012 through August 14, 2012 in the amount of \$12,674.76. Second by Dahlfors. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund – Dahlfors motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of July 11, 2012 through August 14, 2012 in the amount of \$7,733.19. 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, 2012 through July 31, 2012, as listed below. Second by Dahlfors. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Checking	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Town Fund	\$157,771.73	0	(\$16,400.84)	\$4,116.39	\$145,487.28
Road & Bridge	\$58,168.26	0	(\$6,943.57)	\$3,025.16	\$54,249.85

CD	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Road & Bridge	\$126,638.57	0	0	0	\$126,638.57

Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$101,086.73	0	0	\$47.73	\$101,134.46
Perm Hard Road	\$195,285.85	0	(\$15,521.00)	\$3736.17	\$183,501.02
Bldg & Maintenance	\$29,554.09	0	0	\$564.58	\$30,118.67

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 the following:

- Boom mowing was done this week
- A cross culvert on River Road was redone
- Garbage along the right-of-ways has been picked up
- Swanson fielded some complaints regarding a homeowner on Dunham Road in Union starting a Forestry business. They have been moving equipment in and made the culvert bigger. Swanson addressed the issue with the homeowner, as well as contacted the McHenry County Planning and Development Department. No permits have been obtained. P & D will check into it.
- Swanson informed the board about the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aide Network. He explained that for a cost of \$100 per year, should a disaster happen in Seneca Township, such as multiple trees coming down from storms or tornados, the people from the network would contact people that would come help with the clean-up free of charge. Our Road District would be called, as well, if other townships were in need of assistance. This is a statewide network.

Assessor's Report: Bockman informed the board that he turned in the assessment book to the county. He stated there is approximately a 9% reduction in market value.

Planning Commission: Seneca Township Planning Commission Member Bob Pope stated that once again people didn't come before the town board to present their business plan (referring to the homeowner on Dunham Road wanting to start a Forestry business). At a prior township meeting a county board member who was present stated she would address this issue with the rest of the county board members. The township board feels a letter to the County Zoning Board of Appeals reminding them that residents need to come before the township board prior to receiving a hearing is necessary. Kagel will draft a letter to that affect.

Old Business:

- A. Township Flag** – The Seneca Township Flag has arrived! Trustee Mathews suggested waiting until next month to raise the flag to allow time to invite former Township Assessor Donald Andrews to the meeting to watch it get raised during a Boy Scout Flag Ceremony, because it was his idea to have a township flag in the first place. The board agreed. Mathews will contact Mr. Andrews.

New Business:

- A. Set Salaries for elected officials for 2013-2017 term of office** – After discussion, the following motions were made for the proposed 2013-2017 term of office salaries:
- Dahlfors motioned to set the Assessor's salary to \$25,000 for each of the four years beginning January 1, 2014 through January 1, 2018. Second by O'Leary. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary. Voting no: Kagel. Motion passed.

- Dahlfors motioned to freeze the Supervisor's salary at \$19,000 for each of the four years beginning May 2013 through May 2017. Second by O'Leary. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.
- Dahlfors motioned to freeze the Clerk's salary at \$7,000 for each of the four years beginning May 2013 through May 2017. Second by Mathews. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.
- Dahlfors motioned to set the Trustees' salary to \$125.00 per meeting for each of the four years beginning May 2013 through May 2017. Second by O'Leary. Voting yes: Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary. Voting no: Bartman, Kagel. Motion passed.
- O'Leary motioned for the Road Commissioner's salary to remain at the current rate of \$56,000, with the addition of Health Insurance Benefits not to exceed \$8500 per year for each of the four years beginning May 2013 through May 2017. Second by Dahlfors. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report: Kagel gave the board a copy of the Budget vs Actual Report for April 2012 through July 2012 for their records.

Adjourn: At 9:07 p.m. O'Leary motioned to adjourn tonight's Regular Monthly Meeting. Second by Dahlfors. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk