

SENECA TOWNSHIP
Regular Monthly Minutes
May 10, 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, Michael O’Leary, and Thomas Dahlfors, Assessor Paul Bockman, Road Commissioner Scott Swanson, and Clerk Dawn Seemann. Absent officials: None.

Guests in Attendance: Robert Pope.

Public Speaking: None.

Minutes: Dahlfors motioned to approve the April 12, 2011 Regular Monthly Minutes as presented. Second by O’Leary. Motion passed.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Dahlfors motioned to approve the Road District bills for the period of April 13, 2011 through May 10, 2011 in the amount of \$80,577.13. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - Bartman motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for the period of April 13, 2011 through May 10, 2011 in the amount of \$5,549.44. Second by Dahlfors. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: O’Leary motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period of April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011, as listed below. Second by Dahlfors. 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	\$65,033.72	0	(\$4,932.42)	\$856.82	\$60,958.12
Road & Bridge	\$109,862.59	0	(\$77,680.55)	\$1,392.09	\$33,574.13

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

Harris Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$101,759.47	0	0	\$16.31	\$101,775.78
Perm Hard Road	\$115,014.97	//	0	\$18.44	\$115,033.41
Bldg & Maintenance	\$53,965.09	0	0	\$8.65	\$53,973.74

General Assistance Report: Kagel received one call for assistance for a utility bill from a lady from Skokie. The assistance was not provided due to her not being a resident of Seneca Township.

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

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson informed the board that he has drawn up a temporary truck ordinance prohibiting truck traffic on Dunham Road, Highbridge Road, P & O Road, McCue Road, and Pleasant Valley Road for the duration of the bridge work on Union Road.

- Swanson and his crew have been working on the shouldering of the roads
- FEMA estimated our total cost to remove the snow during the last snowstorm to be \$14, 340.87. We will receive a reimbursement check for 75% of that cost.
- Dorr Township is selling their 2006 Chevy Silverado 4-wheel drive truck with plow for approximately \$20,000 from a dealer. Swanson is interested in purchasing that truck.
- Swanson informed the board that he uses his personal cell phone for much of his township business and was wondering if the board would pay part of his bill? The board wanted to look into other options and have more information before making a decision. This issue has been tabled until the June regular monthly meeting.

Assessor's Report: Bockman stated the county was out measuring more properties for him. Bockman added that this is free help and appreciates their assistance. They have finished measuring Dakota Ridge and updated the drawings.

- Bockman will be attending a meeting to learn how to use the Athena Program.
- Tax assessment bills go out on Friday.

Planning Commission Report: Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

- A. Hazard Mitigation Resolution** - County Board member Mary McCann had gotten back to Kagel with some information he requested. She informed Kagel there was no financial obligation by the township, however, according to another person with whom he spoke to, it doesn't matter if we pass the Hazard Mitigation Resolution or not - the county already passed it. Dahlfors felt in order to show support for the McHenry County Hazard Mitigation Committee we should pass the resolution, therefore, Dahlfors motioned to approve the Hazard Mitigation Resolution for support. There was no second. Motion failed.

New Business:

- A. Road District Truck Ordinance** - O'Leary motioned to approve Swanson's Temporary Truck Ordinance prohibiting trucks over 8000 lbs from using Dunham Road, Highbridge Road, P & O Road, McCue Road, and Pleasant Valley Road for the duration of the bridge work on Union Road. Second by Dahlfors. Motion passed.
- B. Increasing TOIRMA coverage on building** - On April 18, 2011 a representative from TOIRMA met with Kagel and Swanson to discuss the insurance coverage on the township building. Two suggestions were offered:
1. Increase the replacement cost coverage from \$566,000 to \$829,500. This would increase the premium \$920/year; or
 2. Insure for actual cash value of \$591,300 for \$100 more/year than we're paying now.
- Bartman motioned for option 1 - to increase the replacement cost coverage. Second by Dahlfors. Motion passed.
- C. Adopt opinion on CUP Petition 11-14** - The planning commission met last Tuesday and discussed the CUP for petition 11-14 for the All Season Orchard property located at 14510 Rt. 176, Woodstock, Illinois. The petitioners are asking for multiple additions/amendments to their existing CUP which include, but are not limited to Indoor & outdoor events which may include the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, such as weddings, private parties, and worship services; A

commercial kitchen; Retail sales of farm and landscaping products; Events, attractions, rides, games, and live music; Operating hours shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 7:00 a.m. until midnight Friday and Saturday.

- In summary, the petitioners want to get rid of the old CUP and replace it with this new CUP for 20 years starting the date of approval.
- The planning commission recommended denial of the new CUP.
- O'leary motioned to recommend denial of the new Cup with a letter of reasons why. Second by Dahlfors. Motion passed. Kagel is planning on attending the hearing on Thursday and will state the reason for denial as "inappropriate expansion for Ag-zoned property."

D. 2011 TOI Education Program - The TOI Education Program is scheduled for July 14, 2011 in Rockford. Three members of the board will be attending that program - Bartman, Kagel, and Mathews. If anyone else would like to attend, please let Kagel know as soon as possible.

Supervisor's Report:

- Kagel attended the recent PACE meeting.
- Kagel took the TIF Intergovernmental Agreement to the Marengo Town Hall to get more information, and was told it is still in negotiations.

Adjourn: At 8:27 p.m. O'Leary motioned to adjourn tonight's regular monthly meeting. Second by Dahlfors. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk