

SENECA TOWNSHIP
Regular Monthly Minutes
October 11, 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: Mary McCann

Public Speaking: None.

Public Speaking: Mary McCann spoke about the upcoming County Board Election, as well as:

- The county is reworking the zoning ordinance
- The county has received complaints regarding their Nuisance Ordinance with such things as unkempt property/maintenance, and dogs barking
- The county board is also working on a “Dark Sky” ordinance - meaning that all yard lights must have a cover over them so they don’t light the sky.
- The county board is also looking into licensing vineyards

Minutes: Dahlfors motioned to approve the September 13, 2011 minutes as presented. Second by Bartman. Motion passed.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Dahlfors motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment in the amount of \$21,216.79. Second by O’Leary. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - Bartman motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment in the amount of \$9,346.93. Second by Dahlfors. Motion passed. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Kagel reported that he left off the expenses for the Permanent Hard Road Fund in the amount of \$8,547.66 from last month’s Treasurer’s Report - making the new Permanent Hard Road ending balance of \$142,345.54. O’Leary motioned to approve the amended August Treasurer’s Report. Second by Dahlfors. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

- Dahlfors motioned to approve the September Treasurer’s Report for the period of September 1, 2011 through September 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	\$109,841.28	0	(\$27,441.36)	\$36,279.61	\$118,679.53
Road & Bridge	\$36,809.25	0	(\$6,415.89)	\$20,963.38	\$51,356.74

Harris CD	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Road & Bridge	\$126,474.81	0	0	\$163.76	\$126,638.57

Harris Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$101,869.89	0	\$350.00	\$438.39	\$101,958.28
Perm Hard Road	\$142,345.54	0	(\$50,360.11)	\$26,099.21	\$118,084.64
Bldg & Maintenance	\$50,644.65	0	(\$11,679.56)	\$6,354.31	\$45,319.40

General Assistance Report: Kagel reported he had one case of Emergency Assistance for rent, for which he paid out \$350.00. There is also one case pending.

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

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson reported that he and his crew have mainly been cutting trees. He received one complaint about the way he cut someone's trees. In addition, they worked on picking up garbage along the right-of-ways.

Assessor's Report: Bockman stated he met with a few residents regarding their property tax assessments. He will be attending one hearing tomorrow.

- One assessment that was appraised at \$1.6 million was reduced by \$100,000+.
- Bockman will continue to input property information into the computer

Planning Commission Report: Nothing to report. No meeting this month.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- A. **Possibility of Renting Township Parking Lot** - Due to plans changing on the person who was interested in renting the parking lot, Dahlfors motioned to table this issue. Second by O'Leary. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

- **Condition of funds at 6 months end** - Kagel gave the board copies of Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Reports for the period of April 1, 2011 through October 11, 2011 for the Town Fund and Road & Bridge Fund for their records.
- TOI sent a Legislative Issue Proposal Form asking if we had any issues we would like addressed. The board felt there were no issues to be addressed this year.
- Northern Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership (NIIPP) sent a letter asking if we would work with them to control invasive plants along township roads so control efforts could be made.
- TOIRMA is conducting a meeting regarding McHenry County loss control, coverage and claims.
- Assessor Bockman and Kagel spoke about the July/August electric bill be so high - (\$170 & \$180). It has been determined that some type of blinds are needed in two of the offices. The board agreed. Kagel and/or Bockman will look into purchasing window coverings.
- The Road Commissioner's CD matured on September 21, 2011. The funds were moved from Harris Bank with an interest rate of .25% to Prairie Community Bank with an interest of .8%.

Motion to Adjourn: At 8:06 p.m. O'Leary motioned to adjourn tonight's regular monthly meeting. Second by Dahlfors. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk