

SENECA TOWNSHIP
Regular Monthly Minutes
January 12, 2010

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: Bob Pope.

Public Speaking: Seneca Township Planning Commission member Bob Pope voiced his concerns about the Planning Commission not being able to meet on the petitions because there is never enough time given by the petitioner for a legal meeting.

- At this point, Supervisor Kagel asked the board if they objected to moving the Planning Commission Report up in the agenda so discussion could continue. The board had no objections.
- A Legal Notice of Public Hearing regarding three petitions from Petitioner Vasilios D. Talidis was just received this morning. The Zoning hearing is set for January 27, 2010. The property is located at 4609 Franklinville Road, Union, IL 60180. In summary, the petitioner would like to split the 2 houses to the north and south of the Mink Barn off from the property. He'd like to reclassify those two parcels from A-1V to A-2, in addition to asking for variances and a Conditional Use Permit for the parcel in the middle.
- No action is being taken by the board due to lack of information and the fact that the notice was received too late to take action on it.

Minutes: O'Leary motioned to approve the December 8, 2009 regular monthly minutes as presented. Second by Dahlfors. Amendments were made to page 2 and 3. Bartman motioned to approve the minutes with amendments. Second by Dahlfors. Motion passed with amendments.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Dahlfors motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of December 9, 2009 through January 12, 2010 in the amount of \$18,712.17. Second by Mathews. 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 December 9, 2009 through January 12, 2010 in the amount of \$9,313.94. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O'Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dahlfors motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, as listed below. Second by O'Leary. 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	\$111,149.62	\$771.68	(\$14,759.99)	\$1,532.33	\$98,693.64
Road & Bridge	\$170,914.37	(\$733.56)	(\$4,944.84)	\$1,715.69	\$166,951.66

Harris CD	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Road & Bridge	\$123,599.79	0	0	\$596.16	\$124,195.95

Harris Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$103,041.20	(\$38.12)	0	\$55.48	\$103,058.56
Hard Road	\$108,401.60	0	0	\$1,019.63	\$109,421.23
Bldg & Maintenance	\$43,469.60	0	0	\$263.22	\$43,732.82

General Assistance Report: Kagal reported that he had one person pick up an application, but hasn't set up an appointment as of January 8, 2010.

Clerk's Report: Seemann informed the board that she has turned in the necessary information to the County Clerk regarding the Economic Interest Statements and they should be receiving their yellow statements in the mail shortly.

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson reported that there is a new stop sign at the intersection of Sunnyside and Perkins Roads. Swanson stated this is a bad intersection. He wrote a letter to the county regarding that fact, and a study was made. Due to the line of sight at that intersection, a stop sign was installed.

- Swanson informed the board that the Road District is getting a grant for new signs in the township because our signs don't meet the reflectivity standards. This is being done through the McHenry County Highway Department and should be finished within a year.
- An additional 150 tons of salt was ordered. Swanson stated the month of December was extremely hard on our supply. He will be mixing the salt with Birdseye to help our supply last longer.
- Swanson had been getting complaints from residents on Maritime Road because the road hadn't been plowed. Maritime Road is in the process of being dedicated to Seneca Township - we do not own it as of yet. Although we don't own it, Swanson went ahead and plowed it for them. The county said it was okay for him to plow it because the paperwork has been started on the dedication process.
- The tree line along Collins and Sullivan Roads have been cut. Swanson did receive permission from the farmers. Clean-up is still needed. The reason for cutting the trees down is because this may be a detour route when they close Kishwaukee Valley Road for the bridge repair.
- Other than the above, Swanson and his crew continue to plow the snow.

Assessor's Report: Welcome new Assessor Paul Bockman!

- Assessor Bockman attended an Assessor's meeting at the county.
- He looked at a house under construction on Bockman Road to monitor the progress.
- Being this is Bockman's first official meeting, he stated that he is still trying to get used to what

retiring Assessor Andrews has and is getting organized.

- Bockman plans on meeting with other Assessors to see what their systems are like.

Old Business: Information/review/action

- A. Discuss McHenry County Groundwater Protection program recommendations** - Kagel received a copy of the McHenry County Ground Water Protection Program Resolution that the county would like our board to review and consider adopting. October 2010 is the deadline for adopting the Resolution. Kagel feels more information is needed. He will contact the responsible group.

Supervisor's Report:

- Kagel questioned Seemann about the FOI meeting for the FOI Officer. Seemann stated she hasn't received any information or read about when/where the meeting or training will be held. Kagel stated he will check into this.
- Kagel informed the board that Brown's Accounting is preparing the W2 forms this week. Kagel prepared the 3rd quarter Financial Report for the Town Fund and gave copies to the board for their records, and the amounts were reviewed.

Adjourn: At 8:29 p.m. Dahlfors motioned to adjourn tonight's regular monthly meeting. Second by Bartman. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk