

**SENECA TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**September 11, 2012**

Prior to the September 11, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting, Boy Scout Troop 530 presented a Special "911" Flag Ceremony. Included in the ceremony was the dedication of the first official Seneca Township Flag, which was designed in part by Jarrett Mathews who oversaw the creation of this flag as his Eagle Project. Former Seneca Township Assessor Donald Andrews was recognized as the "idea starter." At the conclusion of the ceremony an American Flag specifically dedicated to "911" was raised.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Seneca Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:25pm 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:** Diane Evertsen, Iris Hensley, Howard Hensley, Mary McCann, Ersel Schuster

**Public Speaking:** County Board Member Ersel Schuster spoke about the need for flashing lights at the intersection of Rt. 176 and Millstream Road due to another recent fatal car accident. She spoke with Joseph Korpalski, McHenry County Director of Transportation/ County Engineer, and will meet with IDOT regarding this request. Schuster asked that the Seneca Township Board supports this idea by submitting a letter to IDOT asking for flashing lights or some other form of caution.

- Schuster also informed the board about the McHenry County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). She would like the Seneca Township Board to take a look at this ordinance because it is proposing new A-3 Ag Zoning, which will "open western McHenry County to just about anything." Meetings are starting soon.

McHenry County Board Member Mary McCann credited Trustee Tom Dahlfors for his contributions with the community garden he has that provides residents with vegetables. The garden is located behind the Farm Bureau Building on McConnell Road in Woodstock. Dahlfors stated it supplies approximately 2000 pounds of produce each year.

McHenry County Board Member Diane Evertsen stated, "It is unsettling at best" with Mr. Bob

Anderson’s opinion for the need to abolish townships. She would like the township board to invite him to a meeting and let him know what townships are really about. In addition, Ms. Evertsen said “The Trustees from Grafton should see how a functioning board really works” and thanked the Seneca Township Board.

**Minutes:** Mathews motioned to approve the August 14, 2012 Regular Monthly Minutes as presented. Second by Dahlfors. Motion passed.

**Audit of Current Bills:**

**Road District** – Dahlfors motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of August 15, 2012 through September 11, 2012 in the amount of \$17,022.87. Second by O’Leary. 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 August 15, 2012 through September 11, 2012 in the amount of \$19,184.59. 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 August 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012, as listed below. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Dahlfors, O’Leary, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Checking	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Town Fund	\$145,487.28	0	(\$7,932.34)	\$2,341.87	\$139,896.81
Road & Bridge	\$54,249.85	0	(\$9,887.92)	\$1,567.58	\$45,929.51

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	\$101,134.46	0	0	\$34.97	\$101,169.43
Perm Hard Road	\$183,501.02	0	(\$4,375.17)	\$1,726.34	\$180,852.19
Bldg & Maintenance	\$30,118.67	0	(\$821.00)	\$381.11	\$29,678.78

**General Assistance Report:** Kagel reported he had paid on one emergency assistance case for a gas card.

**Clerk’s Report:** Seemann informed the board and guests in attendance that the candidate petitions for the April 2013 Consolidated Election are available for pick-up.

**Road District Report:** Swanson stated they did some asphalt paving, cleaned up some trees that went down, did some shop work, picked up trash along the right-of-ways, finished up the

boom mowing, and put up no trespassing signs at the township building because people keep dropping junk off on the property.

**Assessor's Report:** Bockman stated he is midway into the appeal season. He has met with approximately twenty-five people with more to come, however, this is less than last year.

**Supervisor's Report:** Kagel informed the board that he talked to County Board Member Mary McCann about residents coming before the township board regarding permits prior to getting a hearing from the ZBA. McCann told him she emailed Kimberly Shilo at the ZBA Department. The answer Kagel received was that legal notices are sent approximately two weeks before the hearing. McHenry County Board Member Ersel Schuster stated they will follow up on this issue during the UDO process.

- Township of Illinois (TOI) sent the annual legislation issue proposal form. If there are any issued we would like addressed, let Kagel know by the next meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:** At 8:07 pm Dahlfors motioned to adjourn tonight's regular monthly meeting. Second by Bartman. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann  
Township Clerk