

## **Regular Monthly Meeting**

**July 9, 2019**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Seneca Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 pm 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, Gerald Gieseke, and Denise Sass, Assessor Tammy Benitez, and Clerk Dawn Seemann. Absent Officials: Road Commissioner Scott Swanson.

**Guests in Attendance:** Patrick Kenneally, Laura Schrock, Scott Block, Chris Reed, Glen Niezgoda, Tom Zanck, and Brady Coleman, plus others who did not sign in.

**Public Speaking:** Representatives from New Directions spoke about their request for a zoning change from AG1 to 5 Acre Estate on the property previously used by PADS. They explained that they want to use it for a residential business. They are also asking for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and a change in the road frontage requirements. Representatives explained that the property was previously used for the homeless for the last 20 years, which has recently moved to McHenry, and now will be used as an addiction recovery residence with room for thirty three people. This alternative housing program is a peer-to-peer environment helping the residents learn to live in a sobriety society, giving them a great opportunity to help people get back on their feet. New Directions is hoping to get started on the take-over and updates of the property in October, with Spring being projected as the start of moving in. This is a self-funded, non-profit business, with their source of funding being from donations and organizations. Residents will be paying rent. The board will discuss and vote on this during the New Business section of tonight's meeting.

**Assessor's Report:** Benitez informed the board that she will be turning in the assessment books to the county the 1st week of August. Notices should then go out before the 1st of September.

-Bartman questioned Benitez about the process farmers need to take to reduce their assessments due to not being able to plant all their fields because of the weather? Benitez informed her to contact the County Assessor. She stated she has not had anyone mention this to her yet and she hasn't heard anything about a process.

**Minutes:** Bartman motioned to approve the June 11, 2019 regular monthly minutes as presented. Second by Gieseke. Motion passed.

**Audit of Current Bills:**

**Road District** - Mathews motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of June 12, 2019 through July 9, 2019 in the amount of \$33,691.00. Second by Sass. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Gieseke, Sass, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

**Town Fund** - Mathews motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of June 12, 2019 through July 9, 2019 in the amount of \$9,976.85. Second by Gieseke. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Gieseke, Sass, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kagel informed the board that he made an error on the May Treasurer's Report. The error has been corrected and a copy of the corrected report has been given to the board. Sass motioned to approve and file the corrected May Treasurer's Report. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Gieseke, Sass, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

- Mathews motioned to approve and file the June Treasurer's Report for the period of June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, as listed below. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, Mathews, Gieseke, Sass, Kagel. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Checking	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
<b>Town Fund</b>	\$118,278.38	0	(\$9,036.75)	\$68,303.24	\$177,544.87
<b>Road &amp; Bridge</b>	\$178,085.86	0	(\$8,983.24)	\$57,183.93	\$226,286.55

Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
<b>General Assistance</b>	\$99,691.86	0	(\$1,364.00)	\$513.97	\$98,841.83
<b>Perm Hard Road</b>	\$107,218.70	0	(\$6,011.96)	\$61,805.85	163,012.59
<b>Bldg &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$24,653.48	0	0	\$12,468.85	\$37,122.33

**General Assistance Report:** Kagel reported he had two calls for General Assistance. One was not a resident of Seneca Township, and the other one did not answer when he called them back.

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

**Road Commissioner's Report:** Swanson is absent tonight, but left his report with Kagel, who informed the board that Swanson has been mowing, and putting new culverts in on Pleasant Valley Road in preparation for paving.

**New Business:**

**A. Board to consider New Directions plan and action** - Upon conclusion of discussion of the information that was presented to the board by New Directions Reps earlier in tonight's meeting, Mathews motioned to recommend approval of New Directions' requests and have Supervisor Kagel submit a letter of recommendation on behalf of the Seneca Township Board to the McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals before the 1:30pm Thursday meeting. Second by Sass. Motion unanimously passed.

**Supervisor's Report:** Kagel received in error a Conditional Use Permit request from the McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals for a property in Dorr Township.

**Adjourn:** At 7:46 pm Gieseke motioned to approve tonight's regular monthly meeting. Second by Mathews. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann  
Township Clerk

