

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 14, 2021

The September Regular Monthly Meeting of the Seneca Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Josh Brown at the Seneca Township Building located at 16506 Garden Valley Road, Woodstock, Illinois.

Officials in Attendance: Supervisor Josh Brown, Trustees Rosemary Bartman, Gina LeFevour, Gerald Gieseke, and Denise Sass, Assessor Tammy Benitez, Road Commissioner Scott Swanson, and Clerk Dawn Seemann. Absent Officials: None.

Guests in Attendance: Sheldon Soldwisch, Mary McCann

Assessor's Report: Benitez reported she has been doing site visits, and working on computer entry.

Public Speaking: Mr. Soldwisch spoke to the board about a conversation he had with Road Commissioner Scott Swanson a few years back regarding Swanson approaching him asking if he minded if Scott took down some dead trees along the right-of way, to which Mr. Soldwisch said that was fine. The trees were never cut down. Mr. Soldwisch informed the board that during the bad storm last month, one of those trees snapped and a large branch was hanging over his cattle fence. He was concerned the branch would fall and damage his fence that could result in his cows getting out. He called and emailed Swanson multiple times asking him to remove the branch for the safety reasons. Swanson informed him he could not remove the branch because the truck was broken down. Mr. Soldwisch took it upon himself to hire a tree company to come out and cut it down. He submitted a bill for \$300 to the township board. Swanson stated he will not pay that bill. Supervisor Brown told Mr. Soldwisch he would personally go there and look into it. The board will discuss this issue in executive session.

- Mary McCann informed the board that she would like to volunteer to be on the township planning commission and help to get the planning commission restarted. She voiced her opinion as to why a planning commission is important. Supervisor Brown, along with three trustees felt that was a great idea and welcomed McCann to make calls to see if anyone would be interested in being on the township planning commission. She will contact our prior members first. No vote was taken to approve to approve McCann to proceed. Appropriate interviews and votes will be conducted for anyone interested once the decision to reestablish the planning commission has been determined.
- McCann also informed the board that the McHenry County Board is working on the county 2030 and 2050 Plan. She suggested that the Seneca Township Board might want to consider reviewing the township's current Land Use Plan and if any changes need to be made, revise the existing plan and resubmit it to the McHenry County Board so they could include it with their 2030 & 2050 Plans.
- McCann stated she is also working on stormwater and flooding information.

Minutes: Bartman motioned to approve the August 10, 2021 Regular Monthly Minutes as presented. Second by Gieseke. Motion passed.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Bartman motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of August 11, 2021 through September 14, 2021 in the amount of \$16,811.53. Second by Gieseke. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - Sass motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of August 11, 2021 through September 14, 2021 in the amount of \$21,192.59. Second by Bartman. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bartman motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, as listed below. Second by LeFevour. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Checking	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Town Fund	\$165,825.74	0	(\$10,966.67)	\$5,975.20	\$160,834.27
Road & Bridge	\$217,451.38	0	(\$7,805.77)	\$5,650.81	\$215,296.42

Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$99,007.49	0	0	\$47.14	\$99,054.63
Perm Hard Road	\$121,707.84	0	(\$8,268.43)	\$5,347.17	\$118,786.58
Bldg & Maintenance	\$38,122.06	0	0	\$1,079.56	\$39,201.62

General Assistance Report: Brown has nothing to report this month.

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

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson reported he paved Timber Lane at the entrance, and finished paving & patching on Bockman Rd.

Old Business:

- A. **ZBA Conditional Use Permit 2021-008** - Brown informed the board he received a response from the Zoning Board stating they did not approve the CUP. Five votes were needed to pass. The CUP vote was 4-3. It will now go to the County Board.

Supervisor's Report: Brown reported the 2020-2021 Township Audit is done.

Move to Executive Session: At 7:57pm the board went into Executive Session to discuss Mr. Soldwisch's tree issue.

Motion to Adjourn: At 8:36pm Gieseke motioned to adjourn the September Regular Monthly Meeting. Second by Sass. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk