

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 14, 2025

The January 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 Gerald Gieseke, Denise Sass, Gina LeFevour, and Rosemary Bartman, Assessor Tammy Benitez, Road Commissioner Scott Swanson, and Clerk Dawn Seemann. Absent Officials: None.

Guests in Attendance: Sheldon Soldwisch, Duane Dahlman, Lisa Rhoades, John Olsen

Assessor's Report: Benitez reported the only day for Seneca Township residents to appeal their tax assessment is Friday, January 17, 2025. She had two non-hearing appeals for 2024. Benitez is continuing to input sales, permits and other computer related jobs. In addition, she is continuing to look at neighborhoods with sales ratio studies and value program. Some site visits are being done weather permitting.

Guest Speaker: John Olsen asked the board if donations could be accepted for the Eagle Scout Project being done by Andrew Brown. He stated the American Legion supports the Boy Scouts. Brown informed him that donations are accepted, and Andrew will be presenting his final report at the next meeting, at which time, the board will discuss how they'd like to proceed.

- Lisa Rhoades informed the board there is a tree in the Franklinville Cemetery that looks as though it might fall on the house next door to it. She had previously contacted Brown regarding who the owner of the cemetery is. Brown addressed her question by informing her he did a track search through Tech Title, LLC in Crystal Lake and found Lazarus W. Ellis was the Grantee as of July 1, 1841. No other information regarding ownership could be found. Since Seneca Township does not own the cemetery, there is nothing we can do about the tree. Ms. Rhoades asked if the township would be willing to take it over. Brown informed her that according to statute, a committee would need to be formed to discuss that issue.
- Sheldon Soldwisch told Brown that "The Boy Scout project is very commendable for the young man." He also added that his mailbox was once again knocked down and he, with the help of Jerry Gieseke, replaced it.
- Duane Dahlman informed the board that he just moved into Seneca Township about 2½ months ago. He stated he used to be on the Riley Township Board and is willing to help us where needed.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Bartman motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of December 11, 2024 through January 14, 2025 in the amount of \$24,645.08. Second by Gieseke. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - Bartman motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of December 11, 2024 through January 14, 2025 in the amount of \$8,576.21. Second by Sass. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Minutes: Brown motioned to approve the December 10, 2024 regular monthly minutes as presented. Second by Lefevour. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bartman motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, as listed below. Second by Brown. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Checking	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Town Fund	\$188,359.55	0	(\$8,802.75)	\$364.16	\$179,920.96
Road & Bridge	\$384,522.67	0	(\$3,024.22)	\$504.68	\$382,003.13

Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$102,189.40	0	0	\$87.01	\$102,276.41
Perm Hard Road	\$223,059.51	0	(\$1,241.50)	\$186.81	\$222,004.82
Bldg & Maintenance	\$20,532.02	0	0	\$17.40	\$20,549.42

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

Clerk's Report: Seemann informed the board to be on the lookout for their Economic of Interest Statement to appear in their email. They have until May 1, 2025 to file them.

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson reported he has been plowing and doing general maintenance.

New Business:

- A. **Amend Road & Bridge December warrant** - There was an error made on the Napa bill. The check was made for \$38.00 less than it should have been. Brown made the motion to approve the correction to the warrant from \$3115.79 to \$3077.79. Second by Sass. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

- As mentioned above, Brown informed the board that he did a track search for the Franklinville Cemetery that showed on July 1, 1841 John Taylor, President deeded the cemetery to Lazarus W. Ellis. The township has nothing to do with the cemetery property.

- Andrew Brown will speak to the board with his final presentation on his proposed Eagle Scout project.

Motion to Adjourn: At 7:02 PM Bartman motioned to adjourn the January 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting. Second by Brown. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk