

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 13, 2025

The May 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, Road Commissioner Scott Swanson, Clerk Dawn Seemann, Trustees Rosemary Bartman, Jerry Gieseke, and Gina LeFevour. Absent Officials: Assessor Tammy Benitez and Trustee Denise Sass.

Guests in Attendance: Sheldon Soldwisch, Mary McCann, Duane Dahlman

Assessor's Report: Assessor Benitez is absent from tonight's meeting, but left her report with Supervisor Brown. Benitez reported the tax bills were mailed out by the Treasurer's Office on May 5, 2025. As of today, we have had no calls from any Seneca Township residents regarding the information on their tax bill. In addition, she is continuing to input sales and permits, and will continue site visits throughout the month. Benitez is also wrapping up the sales ratio studies and hopes to be ready to turn everything into the county by mid to late June.

Public Speaking: Mary McCann spoke about three concerns she had. One of which was her concern regarding groundwater levels because it has been so dry. She would like the board to contact the county to see what they can do. McCann gave the board information she researched regarding the groundwater levels in McHenry County for their records. Second, Ms. McCann has concerns regarding a particular property in Seneca Township that she feels is storing too much on the property. Her last concern regarded people purchasing property they don't actually live on to store equipment. Supervisor Brown told her that is an assessment issue.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Bartman motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of April 9, 2025 through May 13, 2025 in the amount of \$63,406.55. Second by Gieseke. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - Bartman motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of April 9, 2025 through May 13, 2025 in the amount of \$18,785.75. Second by Brown. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Minutes: Brown motioned to approve the April 8, 2025 Regular Monthly Minutes as presented. Second by Gieseke. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Brown motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025 as listed below. Second by LeFevour. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Checking	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
Town Fund	\$139,031.43	0	(\$15,116.05)	\$377.93	\$124,293.31
Road & Bridge	\$344,247.94	0	(\$20,540.58)	\$523.75	\$324,231.11

Money Market	Prev. Bal.	Transfer Funds	Expenses	Income	Ending Bal.
General Assistance	\$102,530.14	0	0	\$84.71	\$102,614.85

Perm Hard Road	\$196,867.44	0	0	\$160.27	\$197,027.71
Bldg & Maintenance	\$20,600.15	0	0	\$16.94	\$20,617.09

General Assistance Report: Brown informed the board he paid the Catastrophic Insurance. He stated he went up a little. There have been no claims so far this year.

Clerk's Report: Seemann swore in the Supervisor, and all Trustees, except for Denise Sass who was absent from tonight's meeting, for their new term. The Road Commissioner was sworn in on May 2, 2025. Seemann informed the board she was sworn in on May 2, 2025 by a notary.

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson reported he put shoulder gravel on the right-of-ways, and has been doing regular maintenance. He also mentioned that Collins Road has been paved from Vermont to Bockman Road.

New Business:

- A. Township and Road District 2025-2026 Budgets** - Brown and Swanson each presented their budgets to the board and put them on display until the Budget Hearing on June 10, 2025.

Supervisor's Report: Brown received information from the McHenry County Historical Society Museum asking for a donation. The donation would allow Seneca Township residents certain benefits. The yearly cost for the membership is \$250. The board has decided to put this issue on next month's agenda for further discussion. Should the board decide to approve becoming a member, Brown would like this information included in the next newsletter.

- Andrew Brown's Eagle Project is complete. He was able to keep the money under budget. Supervisor Brown plans to put an Eagle Scout Project plaque on the sign.

Adjourn: At 7:06 PM Bartman motioned to adjourn the May Regular Monthly Meeting. Second by LeFevour. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Township Clerk