

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 11, 2025

The November 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, Assessor Tammy Benitez, Trustees Rosemary Bartman, Gina LeFevour, and Jerry Gieseke. Absent Officials: Trustee Denise Sass.

Guests in Attendance: Duane Dahlman, Sheldon Soldwisch

Assessor's Report: Benitez reported the Seneca Township Assessments were published in the Woodstock Independent on October 15, 2025. She received approximately 20 calls/emails for appeals as of November 10, 2025. The deadline for appealing is Friday, November 14, 2025. Sales and permit updates will continue with fewer site visits as the weather changes.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Bartman motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of October 15, 2025 through November 11, 2025 in the amount of \$64,621.36. Second by LeFevour. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - LeFevour motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of October 15, 2025 through November 11, 2025 in the amount of \$9,358.55. Second by Gieseke. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Minutes: Bartman motioned to approve the October 14, 2025 Regular Monthly Minutes as presented. Second by Brown. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bartman motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of October 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025, as listed below. Second by LeFevour. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

	Previous Balance	Income	Interest	Transfer	Expenses	Ending Balance
TOWN FUND	\$207,779.95	\$5,780.02	0	0	(\$26,018.18)	\$187,541.79
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$102,417.42	\$29.66	\$87.46	0	0	\$102,534.54
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$418,421.50	\$14,951.44	0	0	(\$166,233.27)	\$267,139.67
PERM HARD ROAD	\$248,609.33	\$4,405.18	\$211.87	0	0	\$253,226.38
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$29,436.33	\$807.32	\$25.43	0	0	\$30,269.08

General Assistance Report: Brown informed the board the Supervisors of Illinois suggested a new General Assistance amount for 1 adult and 1 child to be raised from \$424 to \$456 per month.

Clerk's Report: Seemann informed the board the IMRF sent a voting ballot for the 2025 Election of Executive Trustee. They ask that the Township Board votes for one of them. Brown read information about each of the candidates. The board voted for who they felt would be the best candidate. Seemann will mail the ballot back to IMRF.

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson reported he took possession of the new plow truck. The plows are on. In addition, he has been doing regular maintenance.

New Business:

- A. **Assessor Contract** - Benitez has agreed to another two-year contract as the Seneca Township Assessor. A raise in salary was proposed from the current contract amount of \$26,500 to \$30,000 annually. Brown motioned to approve the new annual contract amount of \$30,000. Second by LeFevour. Voting yes: Bartman, LeFevour, Gieseke, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.
- B. **Tax Levy amounts for Township & Road District Funds for tax year 2024, collectible in 2025 -** The Tax levies for the Township and Road District were presented and put on display for 30 days.
- C. **America 250** - Brown informed the board that the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) are encouraging the township to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America. Bartman suggested a township float that could be part of the Settler's Day Parade. LeFevour would like to decorate the township building with flags and bunting. Both of these ideas will be looked into. Seemann will talk to Marengo Community High School's FFA program to see if they would be willing to build the float if we supply all materials and hay rack.

Supervisor's Report:

- **Newsletter** - LeFevour gave a copy of the latest newsletter to the board that was recently sent out. She stated that she is going back to the original way the 1st newsletter was sent and would like to resend this one, with a couple of updates, since only approximately 100 people received it. The post office has a Seneca Township route that will ensure all Seneca Township Residents will receive the newsletter.
- **Senior Property Tax Freeze** - Assessor Benitez mentioned that proposed Senior Property Tax Freezes have passed in the House and Senate, but not signed by the Governor as of yet. The proposed freezes are as follows: 2026 \$75,000; 2027 \$77,000; and 2028 \$79,000.

Motion to Adjourn: At 7:15 PM Brown motioned to adjourn the November 11, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting. Second by Bartman. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Seneca Township Clerk