

The adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Stookey, Saint Clair County, Illinois

Regular Meeting

August 1st 2022

Meeting held at 313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor M. Bagby. An official roll call was taken by Clerk F. Garner and all elected officials were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor M. Bagby.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Clerk F. Garner prepared meeting minutes from the July 5th 2022 regular meeting.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey **2nd:** Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: None

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Public Participation

Mr. Edward McClane gave thanks to Highway Commissioner B. Reed and his team as well as the Sewer Department for work recently performed in his neighborhood. He also made mention of possible erosion occurring on Carson Drive and the need for mosquito control. Mr. Vance Vyers asked Commissioner B. Reed about a water problem at his neighbor's home. Both Mr. Merle Wafer and Mr. English Gordon introduced themselves. Mr. Paul Schmidt asked if portions of Stookey were going to be annexed by Cahokia Heights. Supervisor M. Bagby claimed that was just a rumor. He further explained the steps that would have to be taken in order for that to take place. Commissioner B. Reed gave further explanation. Mr. Gary Green gave thanks to Commissioner B. Reed for all his work in the Powder Creek neighborhood. Mr. Patrick Dallas introduced himself.

Recognition of Stookey Standouts

July nominees for the Stookey Standout award were named. All of the recipients present were asked to take a photo with the Chairman of the Lighting & Zoning committee, Trustee A. Scharf. Award Recipients: English Gordon, Gary Green, Allen Foppe and Emmanuel Church of the Nazarene.

Committee Reports

- Parks & Rec

Mr. Vance Vyers stated he was now chair of the committee following the resignation of Gary Green. A meeting of the committee had been set for the following Tuesday. A presentation was scheduled for a project in Stookey Park. He mentioned improvements the committee had discussed for Stookey Park. He then thanked Mr. Todd Horn for all his hard work in Stookey Park.

- Law Enforcement

Trustee J. Lougeay provided the Sheriff's report for the month of July. Both he and Commissioner B. Reed had been working with Saint Clair County officials to get approval to mount speed signs. Trustee J. Lougeay had met with the Ogles Watch neighborhood watch group. He asked questions of residents in order to receive community feedback.

- Lighting & Zoning

Trustee A. Scharf stated streetlights had been requested on both Villa and Illini Drive. Trustee A. Scharf had also attended the Ogles Watch meeting. He mentioned how pleased he was with the speech given by the new Belleville Police Chief. Unfortunately, Saint Clair County officials had not been as receptive to calls for ticketing and maintenance. Trustee A. Scharf stated he planned on forming a question-and-answer forum for local candidates running in the upcoming midterm elections. Lastly, Trustee A. Scharf mentioned the need for Stookey to use only one trash service.

Highway Commissioner's Report

The Highway Department has an amended budget out for public viewing over the next month. A meeting with Clerk F. Garner had taken place earlier that day to pass an ordinance for the bond process. The next step would be a rating by Standard & Poor. Commissioner B. Reed thanked the Sewer and Highway Departments for their work during the recent storm. He then showed pictures of the damage the storm had caused.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor M. Bagby thanked both the Sewer and Highway Departments for all their work during the recent storm. The township had received three possible sewer backup claims due to the storm. Saint Clair County has a program where people can call to report problems caused by the storm. Residents could possibly receive FEMA funds in order to make repairs. Another grant application is being prepared for assistance in Stookey Athletic Park. He thanked Mr. Todd Horn for constructing a barrier fence near the edge of the township parking lot. Multiple fields had been rented by schools for fall baseball games. The audit is due to be ready for the September regular meeting. Sixteen new sewer bill payment plans had been setup with customers in July. Thirty-five customers paid their balance in full. Twenty-five water shutoff letters had been mailed. Eight water shutoffs had been completed.

Discussion and Approval of Paving Bids

There was a public bid opening at Stookey Township earlier that day. Sonnenberg Asphalt Co. Inc was the only company to attend the meeting. The bids were for replacing the parking lots at Stookey Township, the Sewer Department and the walking trail in Stookey Park.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey (to approve all three bids) **2nd:** Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Trustee D. Weaver voted no. All others voted yes. The motion passed.

Discussion and Approval of MTAD per County Assessor

Mascoutah, Englemann, East St Louis, and Sties had requested to be deemed a tax year multiple township assessment district. State law requires all townships within the county to approve the district.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay (to approve) **2nd:** Supervisor M. Bagby

Discussion: None

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of New Stookey Standouts

Concordia United Church of Christ and Ms. Daphne Sumner had been nominated for Stookey Standout recognition for the month of August.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay **2nd:** Trustee R. Stookey

Discussion: None

A vote was taken. Trustee D. Weaver abstained. All others voted yes. The motion passed.

Discussion and Approval of Surplus Items at Stookey Athletic Park

An inventory of items left at Stookey Athletic Park had been taken by Trustee J. Lougeay. If approved, the items could be either sold at a discount or donated. Inventory: 59 bats, 96 softballs, 1,115 baseballs, 30 equipment bags, 110 batting helmets, 90 faceguards, 32 chest protectors, 11 catchers helmets, 44 shin guards, 13 catchers masks, 13 umpire chest protectors, 10 umpire masks, 30 gloves, a variety of shirts and caps, apx 250 pairs of pants, and 6 tubs of balls.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay **2nd:** Trustee D. Weaver

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay stated the inventory was a best good faith estimate of what items were in the building. Trustee D. Weaver asked if the items would be sold or given away. Supervisor M. Bagby stated the items would be sold for very little money.

A vote was taken and all voted yes. The motion passed.

Discussion of Speed Signs

Trustee J. Lougeay had previously spoken about speed signs in his committee report. He mentioned how nice the new signage at Stookey Township looked.

Closed/Executive Session

In order to move to closed session at 7:30 pm.

Motion: Trustee D. Weaver **2nd:** Trustee R. Stookey

Discussion: None

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

In order to re-enter regular session at 8:52.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey **2nd:** Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: None

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of Bills

Late bills had come in for the town and Sewer Departments.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey **2nd:** Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: Trustee D. Weaver questioned the health insurance being paid by the previous Supervisor, Mr. Dave Bone. Supervisor M. Bagby responded Mr. Bone was paying to receive cobra insurance. Trustee D. Weaver then asked about office cleaning services.

Trustee D. Weaver abstained. All others voted yes. The motion passed.

Adjournment

In order to adjourn the Regular meeting at 9:02 pm.

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf **2nd:** Trustee R. Stookey

Discussion: None

A vote was taken and all voted yes.