

**The Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Stookey, Saint Clair
County, Illinois**

August 2nd 2021

Meeting Held at 313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Trustee R. Stookey. Trustees A. Scharf, R. Stookey & D. Weaver were all physically present. Assessor S. Sieron, Clerk F. Garner & Highway Commissioner B. Reed were also present. Supervisor M. Bagby attended the meeting via Zoom call. Trustee J. Lougeay also attended the meeting via Zoom call but was unable to vote due to the nature of his absence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee R. Stookey.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the July 5th 2021 was made by Trustee R. Stookey and 2nd by Trustee A. Scharf. A vote was taken all voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of Bills

Supervisor M. Bagby read a list of the current bills to be approved. A motion to approve was made by Trustee R. Stookey and 2nd by Trustee A. Scharf. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Public Participation

Mr. Earl Eugea who lives 537 Bernard Drive requested the Township deal with the problem of mosquitoes. Ms. Kelly Bauer of 220 S. Fairway Drive requested a speed limit sign be posted in the Powder Mill Woods neighborhood. Ms. Bauer also requested street maintenance in front of her driveway. Mr. Herman Koester of 41 Southern Drive requested help with lighting and street potholes.

Highway Commissioner's Report

More than 50 road jobs had been completed by the Highway Department over the past month. The Highway Department has been receiving calls about trash being left on the streets. The Department's large mowing tractor is broken again. The Highway Department has large projects that are currently being bid upon by contractors. Commissioner B. Reed thanked Mr. Todd Horn for his time making repairs at the Highway Department yard.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor M. Bagby gave thanks to the Highway Department for the removal of the shed next to the Town Hall. A person died at the park recently. The park had to be closed for a short period due to the persons death. Township funds in the form of CD's has been moved to both Central Bank and The Bank of Belleville in order to receive better rates of return. The Town Hall roof has been replaced. Insurance is covering the entire cost of the replacement, minus the deductible. A county park grant proposal has been submitted. The rebuild Illinois 2020 grant proposal has also been submitted.

Committee Reports

• **Law Enforcement (Jim Lougeay)**

The committee met again with the Sheriffs Department. Three officers attended the meeting. Contracts were the topic of discussion. Mr. Rick Poole has been in discussions with local neighborhood watch groups. Trustee A. Scharf questioned what was listed on the Sheriffs report. Mr. Gary Green suggested the committee contact the Sheriff's Department Environmental officer. He also suggested the committee look into making application for possible community

protection grants.

- **Parks & Rec (Gary Green)**

The committee has had its second meeting. Procedural matters were handled. The committee continues to look into possible grants. Areas needing attention in the park were discussed. Equipment needing repair/replacement have been identified. Trustee D. Weaver stated he'd received a bid for the cutting of dead trees and underbrush in the wooded areas of the park. Mr. Green stated areas of the park trail needing repair have been identified. Signage and trash in the park had been discussed. The committee believes the park needs a water fountain, pavilion and a sporting area. Trustee Lougeay offered to repair the park benches.

- **Lighting & Codes (Allen Scharf)**

The committee has had its second meeting. The committee would like to define how the Township pays for street lighting. A procedure for requesting a streetlight has been under discussion. Trustee A. Scharf thanked Ms. Barbara Baldrige for her help in dealing with Ameren. The committee has identified 40 properties with code enforcement issues. Supervisor M. Bagby stated one of the approved streetlights had been erected and the others were due to be erected in August.

Discussion and Approval of Preferred Trash Hauler

Supervisor M. Bagby stated Republic was not interested in Stookey Townships RFP. Waste Management responded by saying they would only be interested if Stookey would agree to an exclusive contract. Aspen claims not to have the manpower to take on the contract. Supervisor M. Bagby suggested the township try again in the fall of 2021. Trustee D. Weaver suggested the township look into trash companies, Robert Sanders Trash and Reliable. Supervisor M. Bagby made a motion to table discussion on the topic. A 2nd was given by Trustee R. Stookey. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee D. Weaver and 2nd by Trustee R. Stookey. A vote was taken and all voted yes.