

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

December 6th 2021

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

A motion to approve was made by Trustee J. Lougeay and 2nd by Trustee R. Stookey.

Trustee J. Lougeay asked if any steps had been made to reduce the amounts spent on office supplies.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of Bills

Supervisor M. Bagby read the names and amounts of the bills for the month. Supervisor M. Bagby asked the board to holdback a bill from Sullivan Lawn Service for verification.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee R. Stookey and 2nd by Trustee D. Weaver.

Trustee R. Stookey asked Commissioner B. Reed about the purchase of a Ford F-350 pickup truck for the Road District. Commissioner B. Reed stated he believed the purchase of the truck was sound due to the fact of all the options included.

Trustee J. Lougeay questioned the billing of a Mr. Funk for legal fees. Supervisor M. Bagby stated the fees were covered by the Township insurance policy minus a deductible. Trustee J. Lougeay questioned if documents were required to be shredded by a commercial shredding company. He then agreed to donate his personal shredder to the Township in order to reduce that particular fee. Trustee J. Lougeay asked if Calhoun had included a lien waiver with their bill. He suggested they provide the document before the Township makes payment. Trustee J. Lougeay asked who was a Ms. Libby Clemmons and why was she being paid. Commissioner B. Reed answered she did the cleaning at the Road District. Trustee J. Lougeay then suggested the Township negotiate the price of Spectrum.

Trustee D. Weaver questioned the billing of attorney Otto Faulbaum. Supervisor M. Bagby stated part of the amount was to deal with the censure of Trustee D. Weaver. Trustee D. Weaver claimed he had been slandered in the censure process. Supervisor M. Bagby refused to discuss the censure of Trustee D. Weaver and called for a vote.

A vote was taken. Trustee D. Weaver voted no. All others voted yes.

Highway Department Reimbursement

Two buildings were mislabeled in the ICRMT insurance policy. Building #1 is located on Villa Drive and is owned by the Stookey Sewer Department. Building #1 has a line-item premium of \$1,288.38. Building #2 is the demolished shed at a cost of \$104.79.

Supervisor M. Bagby made a motion to reimburse the Road District for both amounts. The motion was 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Public Participation

None

Discussion and Approval of Locis Software

Trustee J. Lougeay gave a brief introduction of the company Locis and the functions they provide. He then gave the floor to Locis representative Rick Holmes. Mr. Holmes then gave a presentation on the different offerings Locis proposed for Stookey Township.

A motion to approve was made by Supervisor M. Bagby and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Committee Reports

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

The committee met to discuss the approval of Stookey residents to acquire the Khoury League property. A resurfacing project in Stookey Park was also discussed.

- **Law Enforcement (Jim Lougeay)**

The committee had not met since the last monthly meeting. Lt. Fults is still working on a new report discussed in previous meetings.

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

The committee had met with the West End Redevelopment Corporation. A Sheriff Deputy met with the committee and discussed derelict vehicles in Stookey Township. A recognition program (Stookey Standout) for citizens has been recommended by the committee.

Highway Commissioner's Report

The Highway Department is now ready for winter. The addition of a new truck would be put to good use. He thanked the board for making the correction on the insurance reimbursement and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor M. Bagby thanked Mr. Todd Horn for his decorating of the Township building. There will be a Belleville TIF meeting on Friday, December 10th. It includes portions of the area just outside the Township.

Discussion and Approval of Levies

Stookey Town Levy

Trustee A. Scharf suggested tabling the approval of the Town Levy until the board could find possible budget cuts.

Trustee J. Lougeay made a motion to table the Levy. Trustee D. Weaver 2nd the motion.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Stookey Road Levy

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to approve and Trustee J. Lougeay 2nd.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of Playground Resurfacing

Five bids were received from four companies to complete the project. The total price amounts to \$81,378.52. Saint Clair County Park District has approved a grant for a \$25,000 reimbursement. The Township could possibly save up to \$11,200 on tile removal. The Township would have to find a place and pay to have the tile disposed of.

Supervisor M. Bagby made a motion to approve the project, not to exceed a cost of \$81,378.52.

Trustee J. Lougeay 2nd the motion.

Trustee J. Lougeay questioned if the Town had enough money to cover the project. Supervisor M. Bagby stated the Township did have the money left over from a previous grant.

A vote was taken. Trustee D. Weaver voted no. All others voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of Lighting and Zoning Program (Stookey Standout)

Trustee J. Lougeay made a motion to approve and Trustee D. Weaver 2nd.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and Approval for Community Block Grant

Resolution 2021-14

The grant funds would be used for Road District projects. The award is likely to be between \$85,000 to \$100,000.

Trustee D. Weaver made a motion to approve the resolution and Trustee J. Lougeay 2nd.

Commissioner B. Reed stated there is an income requirement for the use of the funds. He planned to do repairs to the Villa Hills Neighborhood.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of General Use Ordinance

Tabled

Discussion and Approval of Sewer Budget

Stookey Township has not had a budget for the Sewer Department in the past. The proposed budget lists projected expenditures at \$1,914,862 and profits at \$324,318.47.

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to approve the budget and Trustee J. Lougeay 2nd.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of Liability Letter

Supervisor M. Bagby read a letter drafted by legal council listing accusations made against Trustee D. Weaver and possible following consequences.

Trustee J. Lougeay made a motion to approve the letter. It was 2nd by Supervisor M. Bagby.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

The letter was then hand delivered to Trustee D. Weaver.

Supervisor M. Bagby read a letter removing Trustee D. Weaver from both of his committee assignments.

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Enter Executive Session

A motion to adjourn from regular session was made by Trustee R. Stookey and 2nd by Trustee A. Scharf.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Close of regular session at 8:17 pm.

Regular session reentered at 8:55 pm motion by Trustee R. Stookey and 2nd by Trustee A. Scharf.

Khoury League Contract

The board gave approval to send the proposed contract to the Khoury League and grant Supervisor M. Bagby signing authority.

The motion was made by Supervisor M. Bagby and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Adjournment

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to adjourn at 9:08 pm and Trustee A. Scharf 2nd.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

