

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

February 6th 2023

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 all elected officials were present.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor M. Bagby.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

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

Discussion: Trustee A. Scharf requested the meeting minutes for the prior month be provided for review earlier.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Bills

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay questioned various Sewer and Highway Department purchases. Supervisor M. Bagby also questioned a Highway Department purchase. Mr. Tim Allgire and Commissioner B. Reed explained the purchases in question.

Vote: All voted yes

Supervisor M. Bagby requested a motion be made to approve the bills which had come in late.

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf 2nd: Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

- **Amended Budget out for Review**

Supervisor M. Bagby stated an amended budget was available for review. Changes had been made due to various processing input cost increases.

Public Participation

Mrs. Karen Elkot asked for an update and expressed concerns regarding the planned development at the King's House property.

A representative of Anchor of Life Assembly of God asked Commissioner B. Reed if he had any concerns over planned improvements to the church grounds.

Committee Reports

- **Parks & Rec (Supervisor M. Bagby)**

A grant reimbursement totaling 40% of the cost of a master plan had been received. Plans for a February meeting were being decided by committee members.

- **Law Enforcement (Trustee J. Lougeay)**

Committee members had been in contact with the Saint Clair County Sheriff's Department regarding a previously mentioned incident on Westchester.

- **Lighting & Zoning**

The committee had not met.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner B. Reed reported on department efforts during the previous month's snow storm. The department was in the process of bidding on a new dump truck. He stated Stookey Township had been chosen by county officials for submission to receive a federal grant to deal with flooding issues. He then listed coming area road projects being processed.

Supervisor's Report

Discussions regarding adding solar panels to the Sewer Department Campus were being debated. He mentioned the coming trash referendum which would appear on the April consolidated election ballot. Employee evaluations at the township office were scheduled. Township employees had been successful in reaching out to citizens who owe late sewer payments. The 460-lift station project had begun. Supervisor M. Bagby asked if the Board of Trustees for opinions regarding choosing an auditing firm.

Discussion and Approval of Cyber Insurance Renewal

A renewal of cyber insurance had been approved by SRM for an annual premium of \$6,000.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay **2nd**: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: Commissioner B. Reed questioned the premium cost split. He stated the Highway Department should be charges less than the Town and Sewer Departments given how little personal information the department dealt with. Trustee J. Lougeay suggested the board pass the renewal and later figure how to apportion the costs between the Town, Highway, and Sewer Departments. Commissioner B. Reed agreed to pay his office's portion of the premium. He requested he receive information regarding the policy.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of John Deere 1050 (s/n1050S 003230 CH) as Surplus Property

A tractor acquired along with the Stookey Athletic Park property had been appraised at between \$4,000 - \$8,000.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay **2nd**: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Sewer Gate Bids

Bidding had taken place for the construction of a security gate at the Sewer Department. Collins & Hermann Infrastructure Services bid \$77,400. Belleville Fence Company bid \$90,833.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay (Collins & Hermann) **2nd**: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: Trustee D. Weaver stated he did not believe the Sewer Department needed a new fence. He also stated the cost was too high.

Vote: Trustee D. Weaver voted no. All others voted yes. The motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of ILAWC Contract

In order for legal council to further evaluate the proposed contract with Illinois American Water, it was suggested by Supervisor M. Bagby the action item be tabled.

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

Discussion: Attorney Otto Faulbaum discussed items within the proposed contract.

Vote: All voted yes to tabling.

Discussion and Approval of Sewer Disconnections

A particular resident had refused to pay a large overdue sewer bill.

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

Discussion: Mr. Tim Allgire suggested having the sewer line marked at the residence and warning the property owner of Township Officials intention to disconnect the sewer line.

Vote: Trustee D. Weaver abstained. All others voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of Additional Police Hours

Due to recent threats made to Board of Trustee members and Stookey Township staff it was suggested by Supervisor M. Bagby a Sheriff's Deputy be present at regular board meetings. Funds to pay for special police protection would come from the Police Protection Fund.

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay suggested the threats be discussed in executive session and voted upon once the board reentered regular session. Trustee R. Stookey agreed to amend his motion to allow a vote following executive session discussions.

Vote: All voted yes to vote after executive session discussions

In order to allow services and payment for additional sheriff deputy hours

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf 2nd: Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: None

Vote: Trustee D. Weaver abstained. All others voted yes. The motion carried.

Closed/Executive Session

A motion to leave open session at 7:44 pm

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

A motion to enter into open session at 8:12 pm

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay 2nd: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf 2nd: Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes