

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

**Regular Meeting**

February 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

A motion to approve the January regular meeting minutes was made by Trustee R. Stookey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee J. Lougeay.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

**Discussion and Approval of Bills**

A motion to approve was made by Trustee R. Stookey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee A. Scharf.

*Discussion:* Trustee J. Lougeay questioned a purchase of vegetable oil from Dollar General. Commissioner B. Reed responded by saying it can be used in lieu of a more expensive oil used to operate machinery. Trustee Lougeay then asked about purchases made by the Sewer Department. Trustee J. Lougeay then made mention of making possible changes in order to save money on phone billing.

Trustee D. Weaver made mention Township office staff had not been writing down their number of hours worked.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

A second batch of bills arrived late due to the recent snow storm. These bills were for the General Road Fund and Roads and Bridges Fund.

A motion to approve these bills was made by Trustee D. Weaver and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee R. Stookey.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

**Public Participation**

Highway Commissioner B. Reed received a round of applause for the work he and his employees had recently completed during the previous week's snow storm.

Mr. Todd Horn received many thanks and appreciation due to his performance in Stookey Park.

**Committee Reports**

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

At the previous meeting the committee approved minutes and discussed accomplishments of 2021. Some of the dog park equipment had arrived. A request for proposal to complete a park master plan was discussed. The new trashcans had arrived. The committee was seeking to receive quotes for the removal of invasive growth in the park wooded areas. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

The committee had not met in the last month. Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Fults had informed the committee he would no longer be able to complete a form stating when deputies came and went from Stookey due to time constraints. The committee was still searching for radar speed signs.

- **Lighting & Zoning (Trustee A. Scharf)**

The committee had not met during the previous month. A problem property on Windsor Drive

had been identified by the committee. The property owner was contacted and the exterior of the property has now been cleaned. Trustee A. Scharf expressed concern due to the fact derelict vehicles laws were not being enforced due to Covid 19. The committee had received one streetlight request for the month.

#### **Highway Commissioners Report**

Commissioner B. Reed gave praise to his crew for the work they'd performed during the recent snow storm. He and three crew members worked on the streets nearly nonstop. One crew member was unable to work due to a recent injury. Multiple tons of salt had been used during the storm. Some small repairs will need to be made to the plowing equipment. He then thanked everyone who helped during the storm.

#### **Supervisors Report**

All of the sludge from the Sewer Department had been hauled. Stookey had lost an office employee and Supervisor M. Bagby hoped to have the position filled by the next regular meeting. A seasonal worker will be hired to cut grass at the Sewer Plant. An additional seasonal worker may have to be hired to cut grass at the former Khoury League property.

#### **Discussion and Approval of Sewer Computer System Upgrade**

The computer the Sewer Department currently uses has the Windows 7 operating system. Two bids had been submitted: ECC - \$23,547 & Pedrotti - \$23,192. The Pedrotti bid also includes a one-year service contract. ECC did not include in their bid a service contract.

Trustee J. Lougeay made a motion to accept the bid from Pedrotti Co. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee R. Stookey.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

#### **Discussion and Approval of 2022 Sewer Ordinance**

The last sewer ordinance was passed in 2017. The existing ordinance needed to be updated to comply with EPA regulations. Language of the ordinance needed to be updated. On average, the Township runs an overdue balance of over \$300,000 in unpaid sewer bills. The new ordinance would allow the Township to shutoff water service to homes with a balance of more than \$100. The water would be turned back on once the bill is paid in full.

A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Trustee J. Lougeay and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee A. Scharf.

*Discussion:* Trustee D. Weaver questioned changes made to the draft of the ordinance he had in his possession. Supervisor M. Bagby listed the changes made to the original draft. Trustee D. Weaver suggested more than 90 days be given to a resident to pay the \$3,000 sewer connection fee. Trustee R. Stookey questioned the process of the water shutoff penalty.

A vote was taken. Trustee D. Weaver abstained from the vote. All others voted yes.

#### **Discussion and Approval of Declaring Surplus Equipment Mosquito Sprayer S/N 10304 & 1906A26777**

Trustee Weaver made a motion to approve and Trustee J. Lougeay 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

*Discussion:* Trustee D. Weaver stated the property should be sold. Supervisor M. Bagby stated the surplus property could possibly be sold to other township or government agencies. Trustee J. Lougeay asked if the device had an hour meter. Commissioner B. Reed stated the device had a low reading.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

#### **Closed/Executive Session**

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to close regular session. Trustee A. Scharf 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

A vote to close regular session at 7:07 pm was taken. All voted yes.

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to enter regular session at 8:29 pm. Trustee J. Lougeay 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

**Adjournment**

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. Trustee J. Lougeay 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. A vote was taken and all voted yes.