

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

Regular Meeting

January 3rd 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. Trustee A. Scharf was absent. All other elected officials were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor M. Bagby.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Minutes were prepared for the November Special Town Meeting, December Tax Levy Hearing, and December Regular Meeting.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee R. Stookey and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and Approval of Bills

The December 2021 bill totals were read by Supervisor M. Bagby.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee J. Lougeay and 2nd by Trustee R. Stookey. Trustee J. Lougeay questioned the price of the newly purchased thermostat for the township building. Trustee D. Weaver also questioned the price of thermostats. Supervisor M. Bagby stated the new thermostats were more energy efficient and had already created a savings in energy cost for the Town. Trustee J. Lougeay then stated he had been investigating ways to cut cost on paper shredding.

A vote was taken. Trustees R. Stookey and J. Lougeay, along with Supervisor M. Bagby voted yes. Trustee D. Weaver voted no.

Public Participation

None wished to speak.

Committee Reports

- **Parks & Rec**

Supervisor M. Bagby informed the Trustees of committee chair Gary Green's absence.

- **Law Enforcement**

Trustee J. Lougeay reported the Sheriff's Department is now providing a more in-depth report to the Law Enforcement Committee. There had also been reports of drivers speeding on Werner Road. The committee is also looking into possibly purchasing radar detection speed indicator units for certain areas.

- **Lighting & Zoning**

Trustee A. Scharf was absent from the meeting.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner B. Reed stated, do to clear weather in the month of December, the Highway Department was able to complete much of the scheduled work, as well as smaller resident requested jobs. Department workers had recently completed their required flagger training. All of

the department vehicles are in working order.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor M. Bagby informed the Board of Trustee that 3 of the 4 planned dog waste stations had been installed in Stookey Park. Tax reports for the new year were being completed. A new draft sewer ordinance was also being finalized. Employee evaluations were underway for Township employees.

Discussion and approval of 2022 Calendar

Township meetings and holiday dates were read by Supervisor M. Bagby.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee R. Stookey and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay. Trustee D. Weaver questioned if the Juneteenth holiday need to be added to the list of holidays for the year. Supervisor M. Bagby stated it is not a required holiday for Township employees. A vote was taken. All voted yes.

Discussion and approval of Mosquito Spraying Program

The Board of Trustees had recently discussed dismantling the Mosquito Spraying Program. Due to the cost, equipment, and ineffectiveness of the program, it is recommended the program be dismantled.

A motion to eliminate the Mosquito Spraying Program was made by Trustee D. Weaver and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay.

In discussion, Trustee D. Weaver expressed he believed the program was no longer needed in the Township. Both Trustees R. Stookey and J. Lougeay agreed. Trustee J. Lougeay indicated the pickup truck used for spraying be given to the Highway Department for use and the sprayer be deemed surplus property. Both Supervisor M. Bagby and Commissioner B. Reed stated the Township should keep the truck for use in the parks. Commissioner B. Reed then suggested using caution with regard to selling the mosquito sprayer for public safety purposes.

A vote was taken. All voted yes.

Discussion and approval of General Use Ordinance

The previous discussion of the matter had been tabled. Suggestions from Trustee J. Lougeay had been added.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee R. Stookey and 2nd by Supervisor M. Bagby.

In discussion, Trustee D. Weaver stated he believed the ordinance was unneeded and an overuse of power. Trustee D. Weaver then made a motion to table the approval of the ordinance. The motion was 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay.

A vote to table was taken. Trustees D. Weaver and J. Lougeay voted yes. Trustee R. Stookey voted present. Supervisor M. Bagby voted no. The motion to table failed.

Trustee J. Lougeay stated the ordinance was an extension of existing state law. He also believed the ordinance was excessive in length and scope. He then gave examples of specific areas that needed to be omitted. Supervisor M. Bagby stated the ordinance needed to be passed in order to enforce the rules of Stookey Park. Trustee D. Weaver stated he believed the ordinance could lead to the violation of peoples rights. Trustee J. Lougeay suggested passing the ordinance and then later making amendments.

After discussion by the Board of Trustees, a vote was held on Trustee R. Stookey's original

motion to approve the ordinance.

Trustees R. Stookey and J. Lougeay voted yes. Trustee D. Weaver voted no. Supervisor M. Bagby voted yes. The motion to approve passed.

Closed/Executive Session

A motion to close open session at 6:45 pm was made by Trustee J. Lougeay and 2nd by Trustee R. Stookey.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Adjournment

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to enter open session at 7:24 pm and was 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay.

A vote was taken. All voted yes.

There were no action items.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm was made by Trustee D. Weaver and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay.

A vote was taken. All voted yes.