

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

July 5th 2021

Meeting held at 313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor M. Bagby. An official roll call was taken and all elected officials were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor M. Bagby

Discussion and approval of minutes

Clerk F. Garner read the minutes from the June 7th Regular Meeting. A motion to approve was made by Trustee D. Weaver and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Clerk F. Garner read the minutes from the June 17th Budget Meetings. A motion to approve was made by Trustee J. Lougeay and 2nd by Trustee R. Stookey. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Clerk F. Garner read the minutes from the June 17th Special Meeting. A motion to approve was made by Trustee D. Weaver and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and approval of bills

Supervisor M. Bagby gave a brief overview of the monthly bills. A motion to approve was made by Trustee A. Scharf and 2nd by Trustee R. Stookey.

In discussion Trustee J. Lougeay suggested the pay rate for the Belleville News Democrat be negotiated. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Public Participation

Ms. Linda Jones and Mr. Garry Green express happiness to be appointed to a committee assignments.

Highway Commissioners Report

Highway Commissioner B. Reed gave a brief overview of all the work his department had completed the month prior. He then thanked the department employees for all the hard work they do.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor M. Bagby gave thanks to the Highway Commissioners Department for the recent updates made to the Township building grounds. All the committees had met at least once. The yearly audit was taking place. A plan was being prepared to make further repairs to the township grounds. The planned trash RFP was due to be sent that week. Camera were set to be added in August. Sheriff patrols had been increased.

Committee Report

Trustee J. Lougeay commented the Law Enforcement Committee had met twice. Neighborhood watches were discussed. Lt. Fults of the Sherriff's Department consulted with the committee. The committee made the decision to also consult with the County Sherriff on the renewal of the township police contract.

Mr. Garry Green stated the Parks & Rec Committee had one meeting. Introductions were made and procedures were discussed and approved. A mission statement had been drafted. The committee decided to create a master plan for the park. Funding and budgeting were also discussed.

Trustee A. Scharf stated the Lighting & Codes committee had met. Recommendations for lighting had been discussed. An audit of the current lights in the township would be needed in order to make a further assessment of township needs. The purpose of the next meeting would be to discuss trash.

Discussion and approval of street light request

The Lighting & Code Committee had made recommendations for three new streetlights (2 Junior Dr., 33 Revis/Howard, 922 Southgate). A fee of \$487.50 would be the cost of powering the light pole at the 922 Southgate location.

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

Discussion and approval of bank depository resolution

The resolution would allow the Supervisor to move town funds to different financial institutions.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee D. Weaver and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay. Trustee D. Weaver inquired about increasing interest on checking accounts. Supervisor M. Bagby said all the current accounts generate some amount of interest. Trustee J. Lougeay inquired what banks the township was currently using. Trustee A. Scharf suggested the number of banks be limited. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and approval of Clerk's laptop

The company New Egg gave a bid price of \$622.62 for the laptop. The company Computype would then add the software to the laptop for \$387.00.

A motion was made to purchase the laptop from New Egg by Trustee D. Weaver and 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and approval to declare Smith & Wesson (s/n D177220) as surplus property

The township was in possession of a firearm previously used to arm a town deputy.

A motion was made by Trustee D. Weaver and 2nd by Trustee A. Scharf.

Trustee D. Weaver inquired how the Supervisor planned to sell the item. Supervisor M. Bagby stated the property could either be consigned by a local firearms dealer or the township could auction the item. Both Trustee D. Weaver and Supervisor M. Bagby agreed the item needed to be consigned. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and approval to declare sprayer (s/n 9910108683 & 101323) as surplus property

The township was in possession of inoperable sprayers.

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

Discussion and approval of Park Grant Application

The Parks & Rec Committee decided to apply for a \$25,000 grant for park improvements.

Trustee A. Scharf made a motion to approve with a 2nd from Trustee R. Stookey.

Trustee J. Lougeay inquired if purchased made with the grant funds would need to be bid upon. Supervisor M. Bagby stated items would go through the normal bidding process. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Closed/Executive Session

A motion was made to move to closed/executive session at 7:24 pm by Trustee R. Stookey and 2nd by Trustee A. Scharf. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Discussion and approval of any action item from Closed/Executive Session

Supervisor M. Bagby made a motion to resume open session at 7:57. It was then 2nd by Trustee R. Stookey. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Of the two applicants for the position of Park Stewart only one completed the process in its entirety, Mr. Todd Horn. A motion was made to hire Mr. Horn by Supervisor M. Bagby. The motion was 2nd by Trustee D. Weaver.

Trustee J. Lougeay asked if a pay rate needed to be discussed. Supervisor M. Bagby responded, "no." Supervisor M. Bagby asked the board if they would like Mr. Horn to have a background check. Trustee A. Scharf commented he believed all new employees should have a background check.

Adjournment

Trustee D. Weaver made a motion to adjourn. The motion was 2nd by Trustee J. Lougeay. A vote was taken and all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm