

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

Regular Meeting

July 5th, 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 with the exceptions of Trustee D. Weaver and Assessor S. Sieron, all were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor M. Bagby.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Clerk F. Garner provided Stookey Board of Trustees with meeting minutes: June 20th Surplus Property Auction, June 20th Budget Hearing, June 20th Special Meeting, June 6th Regular Meeting.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Bills

Stookey Board of Trustees reviewed monthly billing statements.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Public Participation

Mr. Don Scharf expressed thanks for being recognized as a Stookey Standout. Mr. Trenton Piker thanked board members for allowing him to complete his Eagle Scout Project in Stookey Park.

He stated that he is now an Eagle Scout. He received a round of applause from board members and meeting attendees.

Recognition of Stookey Standouts

Mr. Todd Horn, Trenton Piker, Don and Doris Scharf, Chuck Wagner, Church of the Nazarene, and St. Matthews Church were all recognized as having outstanding properties within Stookey Township.

Committee Reports

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

Mr. Gary Green has decided to step down as committee chair. He will be replaced by Mr. Vance Vyers. Mr. Green will continue to serve as a committee member. Phase 1 of the park master plan is nearly finished. Well over 200 people responded to the park survey. Stookey had received a \$16,000 grant to complete the master plan.

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

The last committee meeting was held Friday, July 1st. Mr. Kevin Borutta had resigned as a committee member. Radar speed signs were the main topic of discussion. The committee recommended a battery powered sign that displays oncoming vehicle speed. The cost of each sign is \$4,535. The sign has the ability to collect data. The signs are also bulletproof. Commissioner B. Reed was in the process of checking with the county engineer regarding sign mounting.

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

The committee last met Wednesday, June 29th. The committee has continued to work with Mr. Tom Jackson of the Saint Clair County Code Enforcement Department. Trustee J. Lougeay stated 48 Windsor Drive was now occupied and being maintained. Supervisor M. Bagby had contacted Ameren Illinois for a audit of township streetlights.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner B. Reed commended Highway Department workers for their hard work in the summer heat. During a storm on June 19th 7 streets blocked by trees were cleared by his team. Commissioner B. Reed had recently met with an engineer to have a property near Copper Bend surveyed. Some mechanical problems have arisen with township equipment. A deal had been reached with Ameren to repair Pecan Lane. In response to a question about Highway Department maintenance scheduling, Commissioner B. Reed responded by saying the department does not have a schedule. He is in the process of purchasing road oil for repairs.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor M. Bagby gave thanks to Mr. Gary Green for his service as Parks Committee Chair. 88 water shutoff bills had been sent out for unpaid sewer bills. Of the 88 residents, 25 had not yet

responded. All others had setup payment plans or paid in full. He is currently in the process of working with Saint Clair County officials in order to repair the 460-sewer lift station. Company estimates for township property repaving had been received. New legislation had been passed by the Illinois General Assembly to study township necessity and efficiency. A report is due June of 2023 and must be assessed every 10 years.

Discussion and Approval of New Stookey Standouts

Trustee A. Scharf read the names of Stookey Standout nominees: Emmanuel Church of the Nazarene, Allen Foppe, Tim McDermott, Gordon English, Gary Green.

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay suggested limiting the number of recipients per month. Trustee A. Scharf responded by saying the committee decided to limit the number of recipients to 5 per month and none during the winter months.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Surplus Items at Stookey Athletic Park

Items such as baseball gloves, balls and bats had been left by the previous owners of Stookey Athletic Park. Supervisor M. Bagby made the recommendation that all nonmechanical items be deemed surplus property. The items could then be sold or donated by the township.

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

Discussion: Trustee A. Scharf suggested contacting the Historical Society. Trustee J. Lougeay suggested making an inventory of the items left at the property and tabling until the inventory is completed.

Vote: All voted yes

Closed/Executive Session

The meeting was moved to closed/executive session at 6:51 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Adjournment

Supervisor M. Bagby requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes