

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

June 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Trustee A. Scharf was temporarily delayed and would not enter the meeting until just after the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. All other elected officials were present.

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

**Discussion and Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Trustee R. Stookey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee J. Lougeay

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

**Discussion and Approval of Supervisor Bond**

Due to the fiduciary nature of the position, Town Supervisors are required to attain surety bonding on an annual basis. Travelers Insurance was chosen as a service provider.

**Motion:** Trustee R. Stookey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee J. Lougeay

**Discussion:** Trustee J. Lougeay stated he had not seen the billing statement. Supervisor M. Bagby stated the limits listed within the bond.

**Vote:** All voted yes

**Discussion and Approval of Bills**

**Motion:** Trustee A. Scharf 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee J. Lougeay

**Discussion:** Trustee J. Lougeay questioned the purchase of a Johnny-on-the-spot, attorney bills, and fire extinguisher servicing. He also gave praise to the Road District for saving money by using price matching.

**Vote:** All voted yes

**Late Bills**

**Motion:** Trustee J. Lougeay 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee R. Stookey

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Trustee A. Scharf abstained; all others voted yes

**Public Participation**

Two statements were sent via email by Mr. Clarence Reese and Ms. Anita Boner. Both statements expressed disappointment with Trustee Dan Weaver.

Mr. Todd Horn, Mr. Jack Bruening, Mrs. Barbara Baldrige, and Mrs. Kim Horn all gave statements criticizing Trustee Dan Weaver.

Mr. Herman Koester thanked Supervisor M. Bagby for informing residents of the electronics disposal program at St. Matthew's Church recently.

Mrs. Karen Elkott suggested ways Stookey Township could save money on fire extinguisher servicing.

Mr. Vance Vyers asked Commissioner B. Reed about an upcoming road project in the Oak Hill Neighborhood.

Mr. Rick Poole gave thanks to Commissioner B. Reed for work his team had recently completed in the Dorchester Neighborhood.

Trustee Dan Weaver gave a statement disputing claims made by residents.

### **Recognition of May Stookey Standouts**

Ernest & Jeraldine Doss, Billy & Carol Dixon, Dennis & Jean Cerneka, as well as the Cat-and-the-Fiddle were all individually recognized for having outstanding properties in Stookey Township.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Parks & Rec (Vance Vyers)**

The last meeting of the committee was May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Vyers made mention of the Eagle Scout Project for first responders in Stookey Park. He also mentioned maintenance equipment recently purchased to maintain Stookey Athletic Park. The Park 501c3 organization was being developed in order to receive donations.

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

The radar speed sign ordered by the Highway Department had yet to be delivered. The committee did not receive a monthly leave and return report form the Sheriff's Department.

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

One streetlight was requested and denied on Express Drive. Discussion regarding problem properties were ongoing and the committee had five nominees for June Stookey Standout.

### **Highway Commissioner's Report**

The department had recently taken delivery of a Cat 305 mini-excavator. Surprisingly, the equipment was delivered far earlier than expected. A new street sweeper was being shipped in from California. A radar speed sign had been ordered. The Villa Hills Neighborhood was being readied for oiling and chipping. Cost estimates for Ogles and Smalling Ct street repairs would be forthcoming. Estimates to repair Powder Mill Woods are being compiled. According to the County Bridge Report, Villa Drive Bridge will need to be repaired. Bids are currently being prepared.

### **Supervisor's Report**

Request for Proposal for trash collection had been sent out May 31<sup>st</sup>. The 460-lift station replacement was moving ahead of schedule. Sewer billing seasonal adjustment forms were available at the township office if needed. Stookey Township does pair companies and organizations that help with utility bills. Supervisor M. Bagby suggested residents call or visit the office if they need help. A meeting to create a safe route to school for the intersection of Westchester and 74<sup>th</sup> street was set for June 22nd.

### **Discussion and Approval of Stookey Standouts**

Gryzmala II LLC (Edward Jones), Stookey American Legion Post 1255, Trevor & Samantha Friedman, John & Marlene Kostelac were all nominated for the June Stookey Standout recognition.

**Motion:** Trustee J. Lougeay **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Trustee R. Stookey

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

### **Discussion and Approval of Stookey Whistleblower Resolution**

According to Public Act 101-0652 requires public entities to have a whistleblower protocol on file.

**Motion:** Trustee J. Lougeay **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Trustee A. Scharf

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

### **Discussion and Approval of Stookey Trash Ordinance**

Ordinance 2023-006 would constitute an official Stookey Township policy regarding trash collection.

**Motion:** Trustee A. Scharf **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Trustee J. Lougeay

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

### **Discussion of Trash RFP and Timeline**

- The RFP was sent out May 31<sup>st</sup>
- All bids have to be received by June 30<sup>th</sup>
- A public bid opening at 3:30 pm will take place June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Trustees will choose a hauler by the August regular meeting
- Services should begin October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 or January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 at the latest

Minor changes regarding trash hauler negotiations were discussed and decided upon. Between 3 and 5 trash haulers will possibly be bidding upon the RFP.

### **Discussion and Approval of MACI Insurance**

Medical Assistance Catastrophic Insurance is required to be carried by Illinois Townships. Renewal **option #1** \$25,000 deductible with a renewal fee of \$1,645 or **option #2** \$15,000 deductible with a renewal fee of \$2,690

**Motion:** Trustee J. Lougeay (option #2) **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Trustee D. Weaver

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

### **Discussion and Approval of Public Letter**

A letter of public censure was read aloud, signed and hand delivered to Trustee Dan Weaver

**Motion:** Trustee R. Stookey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee A. Scharf

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Trustees Stookey, Scharf and Lougeay along with Supervisor Bagby all voted yes to the public censure

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

Supervisor M. Bagby requested a motion to leave open session at 7:49 pm

**Motion:** Trustee R. Stookey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee A. Scharf

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

To enter back into open session at 8:25 pm

**Motion:** Trustee R. Stookey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee J. Lougeay

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

#### **Discussion and Approval of Sewer Claim**

Stookey Township officials agree to pay \$1,328 to settle a sewer claim if the complainant agrees to remove liability from Stookey Township by entering into contract

**Motion:** Trustee J. Lougeay 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee A. Scharf

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

#### **Adjournment**

Supervisor M. Bagby requested a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm

**Motion:** Trustee R. Stookey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee A. Scharf

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes