

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

March 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**

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to approve the February regular meeting minutes. The motion was then 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee A. Scharf.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

**Discussion and Approval of Bills**

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to approve. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee J. Lougeay.

**Discussion:** Trustee J. Lougeay asked Commissioner B. Reed about a recent purchase of truck tires.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

- **Town Legal adjustment**

Supervisor M. Bagby requested of the board a \$4,300 adjustment be made from line 913 – Mosquito to line 533 – Legal of the Town Fund.

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

**Discussion:** Trustee J. Lougeay asked for clarification if this amount was being moved do to the fact the board had previously voted to dissolve the mosquito spraying program. Supervisor M. Bagby stated yes.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

- **Road adjustment**

The Highway Department requested a \$2,000 adjustment from line 5200 – legal to line 5160 – Health Insurance of the General Roads Fund.

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

**Discussion:** Trustee J. Lougeay asked why the adjustment was needed. Commissioner B. Reed replied by saying one of the Highway Department workers was expecting the birth of a child and needed to be added to the health insurance plan.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

**Public Participation**

Mr. Bill Stone asked if there had been further movement on the Township's plans to provide residents with a more affordable trash hauling option.

Trustee J. Lougeay stated how pleased he was with his recent visit to the sewer plant. He suggested residents take a tour of the facility.

**Committee Reports**

- **Parks & Rec**

The committee had last met on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. At that meeting, a representative from Hutchinson Solutions attended to answer questions about a park master plan. No commitments were made at that meeting. Multiple companies were sent a request for proposal. The committee had submitted an application for a Metro-East Park Grant. Ideas for the new property and goals for 2022 were discussed.

- **Law Enforcement**

Trustee J. Lougeay spoke about the monthly report generated by Lt. Fults. Lt. Fults agreed to continue to provide the report. Trustee J. Lougeay provided the February report.

- **Lighting & Zoning**

The county code enforcement officer, Tom Jackson, was now back to work after a recent quarantine. There has been progress at 48 Windsor Drive. The property at 713 Eiler Road had been improved due to trees being removed. The property had recently been purchased. Code enforcement can again ticket problem properties but not vehicles. Litter pickup near the UPS facility had been completed. Two streetlights were being proposed by the committee on Bernard and Valencia.

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

The Highway Department had completed work during the recent ice storms. Road salt had been ordered three weeks ago and had not yet been delivered. Commissioner B. Reed is planning to request a \$3,000,000 bond proposal at the coming Annual Town Meeting. The official request was given to Clerk F. Garner.

### **Supervisor's Report**

The closing of the 309 Eiler Rd property were nearly complete. Mr. Todd Horn had begun to install the new trashcans in Stookey Park. There were two sewer line breaks recently that had been repaired. Do to a staffing shortage there will be office closings at the Township until the situation is resolved.

### **Discussion and Approval of Meeting Conduct Resolution**

A resolution is needed to correct a 2013 agreement of the board of trustees on board meeting rules.

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

**Discussion:** Trustee D. Weaver stated the limit for public participation should be 5 minutes instead of only 3 minutes. Trustee J. Lougeay suggested the wording be changed to allow the chair of the meeting to extend the amount of public participation time.

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

### **Discussion and Approval of Annual Town Hall agenda**

The meeting is to be held Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>. No items presented by the public were received by the statutory date of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Annual financials, proposed road bonds, and surplus property are proposed for the agenda.

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

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

### **Discussion of General Use Ordinance**

Trustee J. Lougeay had made changes to the previously discussed General Use Ordinance. Trustee D. Weaver stated he believed if the language listed in the ordinance was already state or federal law, then it would be redundant to add it to the ordinance.

### **Discussion and Approval of Street Light Requests**

The Lighting and Zoning Committee requests streetlights be added at 522 Valencia and 520 Bernard.

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

**Discussion:** Trustees D. Weaver and J. Lougeay questioned the cost of installation and use of streetlights.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

#### **Discussion and Approval of Field Rental Rates**

The Parks & Rec Committee made a recommendation of a fee of \$15 per hour, per ball field for use at the 309 Eiler Road property.

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

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

#### **Discussion on Next Steps for 309 Eiler Rd Property**

Supervisor M. Bagby stated a park steward will need to be hired. A sight development proposal made by an engineering firm may need to be requested. Trustee J. Lougeay questioned who would decide what would be designed at the new property. Supervisor M. Bagby stated the Parks Committee would make proposals for plans at the property.

#### **Discussion and Approval of Percentage of Pay for Sewer Related Work**

Approximately 40% of the work completed by office staff is sewer related. Supervisor workload is estimated at 40%. Trustee workload is estimated at 10%. Supervisor M. Bagby suggests the pay and benefit payments be taken from the Sewer Fund rather than the Town Fund.

A motion to approve was made by Supervisor M. Bagby and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee J. Lougeay.

**Discussion:** Trustee A. Scharf made mention that levy amounts may need to be abided by until the next levy is passed.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

#### **Discussion and Approval of Strategy to Protect Confidential Personnel Matters**

Trustee D. Weaver is to be excluded from future personnel matters on the advice of legal council due to discussing personnel matters outside of official meetings.

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

A vote was taken. Trustees A. Scharf, R. Stookey, J. Lougeay and Supervisor M. Bagby all voted yes.

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

Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to exit open session at 7:41 pm. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee J. Lougeay.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

A motion to enter open session at 8:35 pm was made by Trustee A. Scharf and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee J. Lougeay.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

#### **Discussion and Approval of Employment of Personnel**

Trustee J. Lougeay made a motion to offer candidate "A" a position as clerical administrator at the rate of \$24.50 per hour with benefits. Negotiations are to be handled by the Supervisor. The

motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor M. Bagby.

A vote was taken and all voted yes.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor M. Bagby at 8:37 pm. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee J. Lougeay.  
A vote was taken and all voted yes.