

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

May 1st 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 R. Stookey was physically absent and did attend the meeting via phone call beginning at 6:47 pm. All other public officials were present.

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

Supervisor M. Bagby introduced Mr. Dustin Nail, the newly appointed Superintendent of Schools for Harmony-Emge School District #175.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

The April 11, 2023 regular meeting, April 6, 2023 public bid opening, and April 28, 2023 public bid opening minutes were reviewed by the Board of Trustees and voted upon in a single motion.

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf 2nd: Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Bills

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf 2nd: Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay questioned a Sewer Department bill for streetlight repair. He also questioned a bill from Target for furniture.

Vote: All voted yes

Public Participation

Commissioner B. Reed answered various questions regarding street repair throughout Stookey Township. Mr. Herman Koester mentioned an upcoming electronics recycling day at St. Matthews Church. Mr. Richard Poole thanked Trustee Al Scharf for having field cleared of debris. Questions were asked regarding a possible annexation of parts of Stookey Township into Cahokia Heights. Supervisor M. Bagby mentioned various ways that could take place. He also stated there were not any actions pending for possible annexation.

Committee Reports

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

Bids for a maintenance building in Stookey Athletic Park were incoming. Estimates for a pavilion were being compiled. The baseball fields were ready for use. Talks with School District #175 were ongoing.

- **Law Enforcement (Jim Lougeay)**

The committee had recently met. A form to request having a radar speed sign in area neighborhoods as well as a procedure for applying were discussed. It was suggested that the

committee have an attorney to review the request and procedure process. Sheriff reporting was also discussed. A suggestion was made to meet with the newly appointed Major Brad Clossen.

- **Lighting & Zoning (Al Scharf)**

At the committee's recent meeting the ten worst problem properties within Stookey Township were discussed. There has been no response from St Clair County officials regarding zoning issues. The committee was planning to send a third letter to county officials.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner B. Reed gave praise to the Signal Hill Fire Department for their assistance during a recent storm. Ditching and pipe replacement projects in the Villa Hills neighborhood were ongoing. Various roads were being asphalted to prepare for further repair in the summer months. Several bids and pricing were mentioned by the Commissioner.

Supervisor's Report

A grant reimbursement of \$30,000 had been received recently for lighting in Stookey Park. A number of overdue sewer accounts were being paid via the Illinois Eyedrop program. Ogles Neighborhood Watch were planning multiple events over the summer months. They plan to utilize Stookey Park for some of the events.

Discussion and Approval of Stookey Standout

Dennis & Jean Cerneka, Cat and the Fiddle, Ernest & Jeraldine Doss, and Carol & Billy Dixon were all nominated for recognition.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Trustee D. Weaver was temporarily absent and did not vote; All others voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Solar for Sewer Plant PPA/Bids

Trustee J. Lougeay read a statement regarding his findings after careful review of the proposed sewer plant solar panel agreement. He specifically objected to the verbiage regarding net metering. After which, he made a motion to reject the proposal. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey **2nd**: Supervisor M. Bagby

Discussion: After much debate of the merits of the proposed agreement, Trustee A. Scharf suggested requesting a written statement from legal counsel stating the agreement was indeed sound. Attorney Otto Faulbaum was called and answered questions via phone conference. He explained the agreement had little to no chance of being breached regarding net metering. He agreed to write a statement to the Board of Trustees responding to their concerns.

Vote: Supervisor M. Bagby, Trustee A. Scharf and Trustee R. Stookey all voted yes. Trustees D. Weaver and J. Lougeay voted no. The motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Speed Sign Policy/Intergovernmental Agreement

The application for use of a radar speed sign was to be voted upon. The intergovernmental agreement would be voted upon at a future meeting.

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf **2nd**: Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay explained the process of applying to have a radar speed sign

posted on or near Stookey resident's property. The application would then be reviewed by Law Enforcement Committee members in conjunction with the Highway Commissioner.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion of Next Steps for Trash Referendum

A consolidated election referendum giving the Board of Trustees authority to contract with a trash collecting agency was passed by a vote of 494 to 325.

Supervisor M. Bagby outlined the bidding and acceptance process and plans for implementation. Residents asked questions and gave suggestions regarding the process.

Closed/Executive Session

Supervisor M. Bagby requested a motion to leave regular session at 8:04 pm.

Trustee R. Stookey ended his participation in the meeting via phone call.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay 2nd: Supervisor M. Bagby

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Adjournment

Supervisor M. Bagby requested a motion to reenter open session at 8:45 pm.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay 2nd: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Supervisor M. Bagby requested a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay 2nd: Supervisor M. Bagby

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes