

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

**Regular Meeting**

October 3<sup>rd</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**

Meeting Minutes from the September 2022 Regular Meeting had been distributed to the Board of Trustees by Clerk F. Garner.

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

**Discussion:** Trustee J. Lougeay mentioned a recent sewer leak had been repaired by Hank's Excavating.

**Vote:** All voted yes

**Discussion and Approval of Bills**

The monthly bills had been audited by the Board of Trustees.

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

**Discussion:** Trustee D. Weaver questioned various purchases including health insurance, park and town products and services. Trustee J. Lougeay questioned purchases made by the Highway Department.

**Vote:** All voted yes

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Bills for the Town, Sewer Department, and Highway Department had come in late. The bills were audited by the Board of Trustees during the meeting.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

### **Public Participation**

Mr. Todd Horn thanked Trustee A. Scharf for donating materials for fall decorations in Stookey Park. School Board Member, John Goelz thanked the Board of Trustees for voting to recognize School District #175 as a Stookey Standout. Mrs. Lougeay thanked the Board of Trustees for all their work and all the improvements to Stookey Township.

### **Recognition of Stookey Standouts from September**

Ogles Neighborhood Watch Association, Beth Hitchcock, School District #175, and Anchor of Life Assembly of God Church were all recognized by the Board of Trustees.

### **Committee Reports**

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

The walking track at Stookey had been recently resurfaced. A \$30,000 grant had been used to cover the cost of improvements to the walking track. PDS was due to provide a final report to the Parks Committee by the end of October.

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

The committee continued to evaluate the type of radar speed sign the town should purchase. The most recent Sheriff's report had not yet been sent to the committee. Trustee J. Lougeay asked the Board of Trustees if the report should still be acquired by the Law Enforcement Committee. The Board consensus was to continue to receive the leave-and-return report.

- **Lighting & Zoning**

There were no lighting requests for the month. A dilapidated home on Eiler Road had been torn down by the property owner. Trash dumping on Princeton Drive was to be dealt with. The toilet at 100 Eiler Road was to be removed.

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

Mowing for the season was coming to an end for the year. Major road problems had been identified by the Highway Department and were being completed as they arise. The Emergency Management Department of Saint Clair County had not applied for government assistance to help with problems stemming from the July storm and flooding issues. Winter preparation was underway.

## **Supervisor's Report**

Due to a recent audit of sewer customers, it was found that numerous properties were being undercharged with some not being charged at all. That issue had since been corrected. Credit card and debit card payments would soon be accepted at the Township office. A new sewer clerk had been hired and was currently working. Twenty-five trees and bushes had been granted to Stookey Township and would be planted in both parks.

## **Discussion and Approval of Paving Bids**

After a second bidding for paving the parking lot at Stookey Township, three companies had sent in bids. Byrne & Jones construction bid \$63,050, Moore Asphalt bid \$35,200, and Sonnenberg Asphalt \$26,702. Sonnenberg also sent in a bid to complete the parking lot along with the driving lane between the Town office and the Highway Department at \$30,390. Commissioner B. Reed agreed to reimburse the Township for the driving lane portion. (Town and Sewer Department 50/50 split of \$22,793, Highway Department \$7,597)

**Motion:** Trustee J. Lougeay (To accept Sonnenberg's bid including the driving lane)

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

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

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

Helfrich Family Eye Care, Elmwood Golf Course, Dorchester Swim Club, and St Clair Country Club were the committee and board nominees for the month of October.

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

**Discussion:** Trustee J. Lougeay suggested waiting to honor Dorchester Swim Club until they reopened. Trustee D. Weaver suggested the board not honor St Clair Country Club because they are an elite organization.

**Vote:** Trustee D. Weaver abstained; all others voted yes; the motion carried

## **Discussion and Approval of Trash Referendum**

Area trash collecting companies have required an exclusive contract to collect trash for the entire township. According to statute, a public referendum must be voted upon by citizens at a public election.

**Motion:** Trustee J. Lougeay 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee D. Weaver

**Discussion:** Trustee D. Weaver stated that he had found trash trucks to be one of the worst destroyers of roads. He also stated it would save residents money. Trustee J. Lougeay questioned if a large item pickup could be added to the request for proposal. Supervisor M. Bagby stated yes.

**Vote:** All voted yes

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Supervisor M. Bagby discussed a grant opportunity for sewer replacement in various places within the Stookey Township. Submission is due November 15<sup>th</sup>. The board consensus was to move forward with the grant proposal.

### **Closed/Executive Session**

**Motion to leave regular session at 7:17 pm:** Trustee R. Stookey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee A. Scharf

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

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**Motion to enter into regular session at 7:41 pm:** Trustee R. Stookey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee A. Scharf

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

### **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm:** Trustee J. Lougeay 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee D. Weaver

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes