

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

**Regular Meeting**

August 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

Meeting held at 313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

The meeting was called to order 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**

Minutes from the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting.

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

**Discussion:** Trustee D. Weaver took issue with comments Mr. Todd Horn made at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Trustee J. Lougeay requested a correction be made to Mr. Todd Horn's comments during public participation.

**Vote:** All voted yes

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Minutes from the July 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

**Discussion and Approval of Bills**

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

**Discussion:** Trustee questioned a park maintenance purchase.

**Vote:** All voted yes

## **Public Participation**

Lisa Zamfir sent in a statement via email which was read verbatim.

[Saydt65@aol.com](mailto:Saydt65@aol.com) sent in a statement via email which was read verbatim.

Rich Poole asked a question about trash pickup.

Mr. Herman Koester thanked the Board of Trustees and Supervisor M. Bagby.

Mr. Todd Horn gave a statement claiming Trustee D. Weaver had been harassing him.

Trustee Dan Weaver gave a rebuttal to the claims of Mr. Todd Horn.

Mr. Jack Breuning gave a statement scolding Trustee D. Weaver for his use of language during public participation.

## **Recognition of July Stookey Standouts**

Ian & Dina Thurlow, First Christian Church, Larry & Bonnie Kaffer, Sigman Heating & Cooling, and Mr. Swartz & Mr. Vasquez were all recognized for their well-kept properties.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Parks & Rec**  
NA
- **Law Enforcement**  
The committee is still waiting to meet with the Sheriff and his key deputies regarding use of a radar speed sign.
- **Lighting & Zoning**  
The committee recently met. There was one request for a streetlight which was denied due to the fact it would be located on a private street. Mr. Tom Jackson is retiring soon which is a concern for the committee. The Sheriff's department has been helping with the issue of derelict vehicles.

## **Highway Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner B. Reed gave praise to his team at the Highway Department. He gave a special thanks to Mr. Doug Orange. He then thanked Supervisor M. Bagby for his help with the Highway Department finances. The new street sweeper is in use throughout the Township. The project underway on Powder Creek is nearly complete. A public bidding was scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> for projects on Smalling Court and in the Ogles Neighborhood. The bidding process for a project to make repairs on Powder Mill Woods has started. The Town and Country Subdivision is due for repairs using bond funds. Roadwork on Villa Drive, Warrensburg, Montgomery, Harrisburg and Fredericksburg Drive are going to be repaired.

### **Supervisor's Report**

There was a break-in at Stookey Park which caused a lot of damage. Two people were arrested. The Gator was recovered. Residents should be receiving a letter regarding trash disposal within the next two weeks. During a recent storm a large tree fell on the fence at the Sewer Department. A team from both the Highway Department and Sewer Department took care of the issue. The annual audit has begun. Supervisor M. Bagby then thanked residents for making calls to Saint Clair County about abandoned properties. He then asked everyone to be careful when driving now that the school year was beginning.

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

The nominees for August Stookey Standouts: Herman Koester, Investigator Andrew Leach, Correy Davis, Dawn McPherson, Linda Jones, Harry Green

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

**Discussion:** Trustee A. Scharf mention to attendees the process for nominating persons or properties for Stookey Standout recognition.

**Vote:** All voted yes

### **Discussion and Approval of MEPRD resolution**

Metro East Parks & Recreation District has allocated 3 million dollars in grant opportunity. Passage of a resolution was needed to apply for the funds.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

### **Discussion and Approval of Supervisor Bond (Road Bond)**

A \$1,445 bond premium payment for supervision of the Highway Department Bond funds was due.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

## Discussion and Approval of Security Enhancements

It was proposed that security enhancements such as alarms and cameras be added to Stookey Township properties.

- Sewer Plant
- Office
- Parks

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

**Discussion:** Trustee J. Lougeay stated he feared vendors for the security product and services were attempting to sell unneeded products to Stookey Township. He made a motion to table the item until further review. Trustee D. Weaver stated he believed the cost seemed excessive. Trustee A. Scharf questioned stated it would be easier to negotiate with one vendor rather than multiple vendors. Trustee J. Lougeay stated that he saw some of the products were redundant and unnecessary. Supervisor M. Bagby stated that it was the recommendation of Homeland Security Officials to make security improvements to the Sewer Department facility.

Trustee J. Lougeay stated he would like to modify his motion to table the proposed upgrades at Stookey Park and Stookey Township office.

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

**Discussion:** Trustee D. Weaver asked if cameras were necessary inside the Sewer Department. Supervisor M. Bagby stated that the location of the cameras should not be discussed in an open meeting.

**Vote:** All voted yes

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To allow for the purchase of a camera system at the Stookey Sewer Department

**Motion:** Trustee A. Scharf      2<sup>nd</sup>: Supervisor M. Bagby

**Discussion:** Trustee J. Lougeay questioned if a door alarm would be sufficient for security purposes rather than the camera system.

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

## Discussion and Approval of Designation of OMA and FOIA Officers

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Stookey, the holder of the position of Supervisor will also be designated as the Open Meetings Act Officer. Also, the holder of the position of Town Clerk will be designated as the Freedom of Information Act Officer.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All vote yes

**Closed/Executive Session**

To leave open session 7:05 pm

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

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

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To reenter open session at 7:50 pm

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

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes

**Discussion and Approval of Keeping Closed Session Minutes Confidential through the July 3, 2023 Minutes**

With the exception of matters deemed to remain confidential, all executive session minutes shall be made public

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

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** all voted yes

**Adjournment**

To adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm

**Motion:** Trustee R. Stookey      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Supervisor M. Bagby

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** All voted yes