

TOWN OF STOOKEY

313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

Truth In Taxation Hearing

December 4th 2023

The hearing was called to order at 5:30 pm. An official roll call was taken by Clerk F. Garner. Trustee R. Stookey was present via phone call. Trustee D. Weaver was absent and all other officials were present.

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

Presentation of Tax Levies

The Board of Trustees reviewed both the Town and Highway Department levies. The Town levy amount total was \$560,890.52. The Highway Department levy amount was \$607,000.00.

Public Participation

None

Discussion and Approval of Town Levy

Trustee A. Scharf suggested a review of the services provided by the Saint Clair County Sheriff's Department. Trustee J. Lougeay agreed that revisions may be necessary.

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted in favor of passage of the Town levy.

Discussion and Approval of Highway Levy

Trustee A. Scharf asked if bond funds needed to be listed separately within the levy. Commissioner B. Reed stated the bond funds did not need to be listed separately.

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted in favor of passage of the Highway levy.

Adjournment

The Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the hearing at 5:40 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

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

Regular Meeting

December 4th 2023

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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 D. Weaver was absent. All other elected officials were present.

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

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

The November 6th 2023 regular meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey **2nd:** Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: Supervisor M. Bagby mentioned a correction which needed to be made to the Heroes Plaza monument section.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Bills

The monthly bills were reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey **2nd:** Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Public Participation

Mr. Herman Koester thanked Commissioner B. Reed for the recent road work in his neighborhood.

Mr. Rick Poole thanked Commissioner B. Reed for new signage posted in his neighborhood.

Committee Reports

- **Parks & Rec**

Mr. Vance Vyers could not attend the meeting. Supervisor M. Bagby stated he would cover park updates in the Supervisor's remarks.

- **Law Enforcement**

The committee did not meet. The committee is still waiting for legal counsel to provide a waiver for speed sign placement. Trustee J. Lougeay suggested the committee would be interested in meeting with the Saint Clair County Sheriff to discuss the information being received by committee members.

- **Lighting and Zoning**

The committee did not meet.

Highway Commissioner's Report

The roadwork project in the Ogles neighborhood was nearly finished. The Highway Department portion of the project would be completed in the spring of 2024. Commissioner B. Reed stated he would soon be receiving bid documents for repairs to Lakeview Drive, Cheshire Drive and the Villa Drive Bridge. Hank's Excavating has been behind on project completion. The Powder Mill project is next to be completed. Trash dumping has become a serious issue for the Highway Department.

Supervisor's Report

Park pavilion project permitting has begun. The athletic park maintenance building bid hearing is set for December 22nd. The 2nd Annual Santa-Paws will be held Saturday, December 9th in Stookey Park. The 460-lift station construction has been completed. The Sewer Department solar project is due to begin within the month.

Discussion and Approval of 2024 Stookey Holiday Schedule

The Board of Trustees decided to schedule the standard eleven holidays for the 2024 work year.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of 2024 Stookey Board Meeting Schedule

The Board of Trustees decided to continue scheduling the regular board meetings on the 1st Monday of each month with exceptions for holidays and the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay asked if there could be any billing late fees due to delaying the April meeting. Supervisor M. Bagby stated he did not foresee any issues.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Personnel Manual updates to comply with PLAWA

The personnel manual needed to be updated to comply with newly passed Illinois State statutes. Adjustments to paid leave time accrual and health insurance were also adjusted.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Letter to Select Businesses

The City of Belleville has been reaching out to businesses within Stookey Township in an attempt to annex their property into the city. A letter was drafted stating the many benefits of remaining within Stookey Township. The Board of Trustees voted to send the letter to businesses located in Stookey Township.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Closed/Executive Session

The Board of Trustee voted to leave open session at 6:40 pm.

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf **2nd:** Trustee R. Stookey

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

The Board of Trustees voted to reenter into open session at 7:30 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Adjournment

The Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes