

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

Regular Meeting

November 6th 2023

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 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 October 2nd 2023 regular meeting minutes and the October 25th 2023 public bid opening minutes were reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

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

Discussion: Supervisor M. Bagby stated a correction should be made to Mr. Vyers statement during committee reports.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Bills

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay questioned multiple Highway Department, Sewer Department and Town bills.

Vote: All voted yes

Late Bills

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Public Participation

Ms. Linda Derouin asked questions regarding trash pickup.

Mr. Erwin Reeb made comments regarding trash pickup.

Ms. Toya Burge made comments regarding American Legion Post 1255 and trash pickup.

Committee Reports

- Parks & Rec

Mr. Vance Vyers was unable to attend the meeting. Supervisor M. Bagby would later discuss developments regarding Stookey Township Parks.

- Law Enforcement

The committee did not meet during the month of October. Discussion of using a waiver for speed sign placement is next on the committee's agenda.

- Lighting & Zoning

The committee had recently met. A strategy to persuade county officials to enforce laws regarding abandoned homes and vehicles was discussed.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Many road projects had been completed during the month of October. Among those are projects on Southgate Drive, Smalling Court, Southern Drive, Erie Station, Woodside Drive, Zingg Road and Muller Road. Grass cutting has ended for the year. An engineering study has been ordered to repair a bridge on Villa Drive. Lastly, the Highway Department is readying for the winter season.

Supervisor's Report

The 460 - Lift Station project has been delayed twice due to both electrical issues and Illinois Department of Transportation approval. Closing on the property where solar panels will be erected had taken place October 20th 2023. Paperwork to have the property donated to Stookey Township is being completed. Sewer flows from the City of Belleville had been down during the year of 2023. After a check of sewer meter calibration, it is believed to be due to this year's drought. Therefore, sewer revenues are down for the year. There was recently a mixer blower breakdown at the sewer plant. It is being repaired and the plant is still operational. The Saint Clair County Parks Grant Commission had awarded a \$50,000 grant for construction of a maintenance building in Stookey Athletic Park. The 2nd Annual Santa Paws picture day will be December 9th in Stookey Park.

Discussion and Approval of Healthcare Renewals

Officials from SRM Group were in attendance to assist with the Board of Trustees decisions on healthcare plan renewals for the year 2024.

Health

It was the recommendation of SRM Officials to accept the United Healthcare CV-LP plan for an estimated monthly premium of \$10,878.80.

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

Discussion: Trustee R. Stookey asked SRM Officials if it would be cost effective to implement an insurance reimbursement option for employees who do not use the insurance. SRM Officials agreed to look into options for next year's negotiations.

Vote: All voted yes

Dental/Vision

The Board of Trustees chose the Delta Dental Ascent plan.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Life

Renewal of the United Healthcare plan was the choice of the Board of Trustees.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of ICRMT Renewal

The total annual premium for property insurance increased to \$151,809 per year. That equals a 18.5% increase. Among the reasons for the increase were the acquisition of the Stookey Athletic Park property.

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay asked questions regarding insuring property currently stored in Stookey Athletic Park.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Park Pavilion Bid

The Parks & Recreation committee suggested to the Board of Trustees to accept either the KB Contracting or Klemme Construction Inc. bids. Supervisor M. Bagby made a motion to accept the KB Contracting bid which died for lack of a 2nd. Trustee J. Lougeay made a motion to ask for the building of only one pavilion which also died for lack of a 2nd. Trustee R. Stookey made a motion to accept the Klemme Construction Inc. bid for building both pavilions, not to exceed \$173,994 for the entire project.

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

Discussion: The Board of Trustees asked what the park master plan called for regarding the building of pavilions in Stookey Park. Two pavilions, one large and one small were listed in the master plan.

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

Discussion and Approval of Audit & AFR

The yearly audit and annual financial report had recently been completed by Fick, Eggemeyer, Williamson CPA's.

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

Discussion: The audit and financial report showed to be standard and lacked any evidence of mismanagement or impropriety on the part of any Stookey Township entity.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion of Tax Levies

It was the recommendation of the Board of Trustee to proceed with a 6% increase for the coming fiscal year. A Truth in Taxation Hearing was set for December 4th 2023.

Discussion and Approval of Heroes Plaza Monument

The Parks & Rec Committee has recommended the purchase of a monument in the Heroes Plaza in Stookey Park. The cost of completion of the two monuments would be \$3,130 and be offset with \$958 from Troop 12.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All vote yes

Discussion and Approval of Audit Fund Resolution

A resolution was needed for the creation of an Audit Fund with an annual levy of 0.005%.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Liability Fund Resolution

A resolution was needed for the creation of a Tort Judgment and General Liability and Insurance Fund.

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay asked how long it would take to have the liability fund fully funded. Supervisor M. Bagby stated it would take two years in total.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval to Declare Stookey Athletic Park Shipping Containers & Building Surplus Property

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

Discussion: Trustee A. Scharf asked if any of the equipment inside was operable. Supervisor M. Bagby stated some of the equipment could be salvaged.

Vote: All voted yes

Adjournment

The Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes