

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

Regular Meeting

February 5th 2024

Meeting held at 313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor M. Bagby. Both Assessor Sieron and Trustee D. Weaver were absent. All other officials were present.

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

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

The Board of Trustees reviewed the January 2, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey

2nd: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: Trustee A. Scharf requested receiving the minutes earlier.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Bills

The Board of Trustees reviewed the monthly billing statements.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey

2nd: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay asked for an update regarding repairs at the sewer plant. He then questioned an accounting bill from Locis.

Vote: All voted yes

Late Bills

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf

2nd: Trustee J. Lougeay

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Public Participation

Mr. Paul Schmidt thanked Commissioner B. Reed for his assistance in dealing with a water issue near his home.

Committee Reports

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

Contractors will soon begin building two pavilions within Stookey Park. The pavilions are due to be completed by the early summer. A new maintenance shed is also due to be constructed in Stookey Athletic Park.

- **Law Enforcement (Jim Lougeay)**

Trustee J. Lougeay and Supervisor M. Bagby met with officials from the Saint Clair County Sheriff's Department to discuss issues and procedures. Residents were encouraged to report any illegal activity within Stookey Township.

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

The committee did not meet. Committee members have been in contact with both the Sheriff's Department and Saint Clair County Code Enforcement officials regarding zoning violations.

Highway Commissioner's Report

The Highway Department has recently been focused on filling potholes and removing downed trees. Commissioner B. Reed expressed how pleased he had been with the job his team had done during the recent winter storms. He thanked the Trustee Lougeay and his wife for providing lunch for the Highway Department Crew.

Supervisor's Report

Solar panels have been erected at the Stookey Sewer Plant. The project should be completed by the spring. The maintenance shed project in Stookey Athletic Park should begin being built this week. He then thanked Commissioner B. Reed for the work completed by the Highway Department during the recent winter storm.

Discussion and Approval of 460 Lift Project Funds

Hank's Excavating & Landscaping sent a change order requesting an additional \$4,500 to pay for fuel to power a sewage bypass pump. The cost of the pump rental will be handled by Hank's.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay

2nd: Trustee R. Stookey

Discussion: Trustee A. Scharf went on to explain to residents why the Board felt it necessary to cover the cost of fuel.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Stookey Parks NFP Required Paperwork

The formation of a non-profit requires filing both by-laws and a conflict-of-interest policy. The Board of Trustees, as well as legal counsel reviewed both.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay

2nd: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval to move Park Bond Interest to Park Capital Project Fund and Close the Park Bond Account

A park bond had been recently paid in full by Stookey Township. The Board of Trustees was tasked with deciding what to do with the interest accrued from the account.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay

2nd: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: Trustee R. Stookey asked what was the amount of interest. Supervisor M. Bagby stated \$151,108.48.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Outdoor Warning Siren

Saint Clair County will now takeover control and maintenance of warning sirens throughout the area. If approved, the proposed intergovernmental agreement would be in effect for a period of twenty years.

Motion: Trustee A. Scharf

2nd: Trustee R. Stookey

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay made a statement regarding the wording of the contract.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Carpet Replacement for Town Hall

Two companies gave bids to replace the carpet in the Town Hall. McCullough bid in the amount of \$5,030.25. Carpet Direct bid in the amount of \$3,309.88.

Motion: Trustee A. Lougeay (McCullough's Flooring)

2nd: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay questioned the bid specifications presented by Carpet Direct.

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

Closed/Executive Session

The Board of Trustees voted to end regular session at 7:01 pm.

Motion: Trustee R. Stookey

2nd: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

The Board of Trustees voted to reenter regular session at 7:41 pm.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay

2nd: Supervisor M. Bagby

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Adjournment

The Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay

2nd: Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes