

Town of Stookey

313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

Budget Hearing (Amended)

April 9th 2024

The budget hearing was call to order at 5:55 pm by Supervisor M. Bagby.

Public Participation

None

Presentation of the Amended Highway Budget

Additional funds needed to be added to the budget for an interest payment which had been initially left out.

Adjournment

The hearing ended at 5:57 pm.

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

Regular Meeting

April 9th 2024

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Supervisor M. Bagby. An official roll call was taken by Clerk F. Garner. Trustee D. Weaver was absent. Assessor S. Sieron was absent due to medical reasons. All other officials were present.

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

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

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

Discussion: Supervisor M. Bagby requested the record reflect Assessor S. Sieron was absent due to medical reasons.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Amended Highway Budget

Prior to the regular meeting was a budget hearing to amend the Highway Department budget.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Bills

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay asked a question regarding the water and sewer bills for the Township Office. Trustee R. Stookey asked how many employees Gates Construction had working on the park equipment shed. Supervisor M. Bagby stated aside from Mr. Gates, there was one other worker.

Vote: All voted yes

Recognition of March Stookey Standouts

The following persons and entities were awarded:

Steve & Melissa White

Roy-El Catering

West End Redevelopment Corp

Nader & Amy El Hamarnah

Public Participation

Mr. Rick Poole asked to have additional speed signs added in his neighborhood. He then expressed how pleased he was with the rehabilitation completed at a home on 74th Street by WERC.

Trustee J. Lougeay mentioned a report from the EPA which stated the Stookey Sewer Plant was in compliance. He then thanked Mr. Tim Allgire for all his work at the Stookey Sewer Plant.

Committee Reports

Parks & Rec (Vance Vyers)

A new maintenance shed is under construction in Stookey Athletic Park. Two new pavilions have been built in Stookey Park. A memorial policy is being discussed by the committee. Mr. Vyers gave thanks to park stewards Todd and George. Mr. Vyers then mentioned upcoming park activities including the Ogles Neighborhood Picnic and Barkfest.

Law Enforcement (Jim Lougeay)

There have been three requests for use of radar speed signs. Two were declined due to the fact the homes were located on county roads. The other was approved.

Lighting & Zoning (Al Scharf)

The County Sheriff's Department has yet to deal with derelict vehicles throughout the Township. County Zoning officer Tom Jackson has been writing tickets to deal with problem properties. There are two nominees for Stookey Standouts.

Highway Commissioner's Report

The Highway Department held a public bid opening for three different road construction projects. The Lakeview and Cheshire Drive project was won by Rooters. The Heritage Estates project was won by Christ Brothers. The second lowest bidder won the bid for the Powder Creek project. Gleeson, the low bidder was deemed to be unqualified to complete the project.

Supervisor's Report

Solar panels have been erected at the Stookey Sewer Plant. Budgets for the new fiscal year are available for viewing. The Park foundation has two board spots that need to be filled. Supervisor M. Bagby urged citizens to apply for the position.

Discussion and Approval April Stookey Standouts

Dollar General and Bryan & Conkesta Grysmala were nominated for recognition.

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

Discussion: Trustee Scharf mention the nomination process and urged residents to apply.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval Memorials/Monuments on Township Property Policy

The Board of Trustees reviewed a Parks Committee memorial policy to have memorials and monuments added to Stookey Township parks.

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay suggested tabling the passage of the agenda item until the Board of Trustees had more time to discuss the matter.

Trustee A. Scharf agreed to amend his motion and table passage of the policy.

Vote: All voted yes

Motion Tabled

Discussion and Approval of Supervisor's Bond

A bond must be purchased annually for the Stookey Township Supervisor.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Sewer 15-yr Strategic Plan

Township and Sewer Department officials devised a long-term plan to deal with maintenance and infrastructure issues in a proactive manner.

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay asked questions of TAC Operations Manager Tim Allgire regarding the epoxy impregnation for sewer lining proposed in the plan.

Vote: All voted yes

Meeting recessed at 6:58 pm for the Annual Town Meeting.

The Board of Trustees voted to end recess and resume the regular meeting at 7:52 pm.

Trustee R. Stookey did not return for the remainder of the regular meeting.

Discussion of Police Enforcement of Zoning Violations

Township officials recently met with the Saint Clair County Sheriff to discuss zoning violations. A list of 55 properties exhibiting various violations to the zoning code was submitted to the Sheriff's Department. To deal with the issue, the Sheriff's Department agreed to allow a deputy to deal with violations once per week.

An enforcement grant was proposed for use in dealing more directly with the matter. The enforcement grant could cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000. The proposal would go before the Saint Clair County Board. The Board of Trustee consensus was to proceed with applying for the enforcement grant. A \$30,000 allotment was to be added to the new budget.

Closed Executive Session

The Board of Trustees voted to leave open session at 8:04 pm

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

The Board of Trustees voted to reenter open session at 8:27 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Adjournment

The Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes