

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

Regular Meeting

May 6th 2024

313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

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

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

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Both the April 9th Amended Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

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

Discussion: Both Trustee J. Lougeay and Supervisor M. Bagby mentioned corrections to the April regular meeting minutes.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Bills

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Late Bills

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Recognition of April Stookey Standouts

A representative from the local Dollar General and Bryan & Conkesta Grysmala were honored as Stookey Standouts for their exceptionally well-kept properties.

Public Participation

Mr. Walt and Kathy Lattinette discussed issues they had been having with a problem resident on N. 75th St.

Mr. Jonathan Antonikis requested assistance in dealing with power outages in his neighborhood.

Ms. Beverly Fiss also stated concerns of zoning violations being committed by a resident on N. 75th St.

Mr. Jeff & Tracy Bell asked questions regarding sports in Stookey Athletic Park.

Committee Reports

- **Parks & Rec (Supervisor M. Bagby)**

The committee did meet to discuss the memorial policy. The committee is attempting to obtain grant funds in order to build sports fields in Stookey Athletic Park. The new maintenance shed is near completion. Pavilions in Stookey Park have been constructed. Addition of picnic tables and barbecue grills are forthcoming. Ogles Watch will be having a movie night in Stookey Park May 31st.

- **Law Enforcement (Trustee J. Lougeay)**

The committee did meet May 1st. Future placement of the newly acquired radar speed sign was discussed. The effectiveness of the Sheriff's Department leave-and-return report was also discussed.

- **Lighting & Zoning (Trustee A. Scharf)**

The committee did meet. Of the 15 properties the committee requested be demolished, 10 have been scheduled. Trustee Scharf urged residents to report zoning violations of any kind to the police, as well as their county board members.

Highway Commissioner's Report

A yearly report required to be filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has been completed and submitted. The Highway Department has been preparing numerous neighborhoods for street resurfacing this coming summer. Commissioner B. Reed spoke to concerns regarding recent flooding issues. He showed numerous photos of infrastructure damage caused by flooding.

Supervisor's Report

A recent purging of public records was approved by the Illinois State Archivist Office. The documents are due to be destroyed June 5th. Land easements were asked for in the Country Club Neighborhood for sewer lines. Supervisor M. Bagby thanked the Sewer Department for their work during the recent storm.

Discussion and Approval 2024-2025 Highway Budget

The total appropriated amount for the fiscal year Highway Department budget was \$3,300,121.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of 2024-2025 Town Budget

The total appropriated amount for the fiscal year Town budget was \$1,296,001.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of 2024-2025 Sewer Budget

The total appropriated amount for the fiscal year Sewer Department budget was \$2,390,750.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of May Stookey Standouts

Barry & Barbara Baldrige, Anna O’Gara and Todd Horn were all nominated for recognition.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Park Memorial Policy (tabled from 4/9/24)

The Parks and Recreation Board sent the policy back to the Board of Trustees with revisions. The motion was to have Trustee A. Scharf find a solution between the Park Board and the Board of Trustees to allow for more tree options as memorials.

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

Discussion: Supervisor M. Bagby stated the Park Board members were opposed to the addition of more than five tree options being added to the policy. Trustee J. Lougeay stated his proposed additions to the policy would not be that much of a problem to include to the policy.

Vote: Supervisor M. Bagby voted no. All others voted yes. The motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Solar PPA Amendment

After a recent audit conducted by the solar panel provider, it was discovered the language in the previously agreed upon contract was incorrect according to the provider. The amendment would correct the language to reflect an updated amount of cost savings per kWh after the thirty-year term.

Motion: Supervisor M. Bagby **2nd:** Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay stated there would be no upside for Stookey residents by agreeing to the concession. He then suggested the Board of Trustees deny the request of the solar panel provider.

Vote: Trustee J. Lougeay voted no. All others voted yes. The motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Gutters for park pavilions

The original design of the newly constructed pavilions did not include guttering. Two companies bid for the addition of gutters to the pavilions: Klemme Construction - \$3,307 & Rebel Inc. - \$1,595.

Motion: Supervisor M. Bagby (**Rebel Inc.**) **2nd:** Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay suggested the addition of guttering would cause pooling water and eventual erosion. He suggested the use of paver bricks as an alternative.

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

Discussion of 2 NFP Citizen Representatives

With the creation of a Park Not-for-Profit organization, structural bylaws call for two citizen representatives to be added to the board. The Parks Committee received correspondence from four residents interested in the position. The Board of Trustees would discuss the applicants and decided appointments following executive session.

Discussion and Approval of Batting cage

The Parks & Rec Committee approved Park Stewart George Vineyard to build a batting cage for diamond #3 in Stookey Athletic Park with a budget, not to exceed \$2,000.

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

Discussion: Trustee A. Scharf asked if a batting cage was listed within the park master plan.

Vote: All voted yes

Closed/Executive Session

The Board of Trustees voted to end open session at 7:43 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

The Board of Trustees voted to reenter open session at 8:26 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Approval of 2 NFP Citizen Representatives

The Board of Trustees was tasked with choosing 2 citizen representatives to be appointed to the Not-for-Profit Park Board. Of the 4 applicants, Mr. Tyler Burk and Ms. Miriam Dapron were nominated for appointment.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Adjournment

The Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

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Budget Hearing

May 6th 2024

The hearing was called to order at 5:32 pm by Supervisor M. Bagby. An official roll call was taken by Clerk F. Garner. Assessor S. Sieron and Trustee D. Weaver were absent. All other officials were present.

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

Public Participation

None

Discussion of Highway Budget

The total appropriation for the fiscal year amounts to \$3,300,121.

Discussion of Sewer Budget

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Discussion of Town Budget

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Adjournment

The hearing adjourned at 5:44 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes