

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

313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

Regular Meeting

June 3rd 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor M. Bagby. 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

The Board of Trustees reviewed both the May 6th 2024 Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Discussion: Supervisor M. Bagby pointed out a word correction within the Supervisor's Report portion of the Regular Minutes.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Bills

The Board of Trustees reviewed the monthly billing statements.

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay questioned various bills for the Highway Department, Sewer Department, Town and Parks.

Vote: All voted yes

Late Bills

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Recognition of May Stookey Standouts

Barry & Barbara Baldrige, Anna O’Gara and Todd Horn Sr. were all recognized for their work in making Stookey Township a more beautiful place to live.

Public Participation

Mrs. Linda Jones asked for Township officials to support her opposition to a proposed variance on Concordia Church Road.

Mr. Shawn Gravot also spoke in opposition to the variance proposition.

Mr. Bob Jones spoke in his capacity as a Board Member of the Quail Club regarding the variance issue. He voiced strong opposition to its being granted.

Mrs. Amanda Agne also spoke in opposition of the variance being granted.

Mr. Gary Bidwell spoke in opposition to the proposed variance.

Mr. Brian Triska stated he did not believe the variance issue had been handled with transparency. He opposed the variance being granted.

Mr. Todd Horn thanked Commissioner B. Reed and Trustee A. Scharf for helping him work in Stookey Park.

Trustee J. Lougeay stated how much he enjoyed the recent movie night in Stookey Park.

Presentation, Discussion and Approval to Declare former Khoury Bldg as Surplus Property and Release it to SHFD for Training

The Board of Trustees, as well as legal counsel for ICRMT and Stookey Township reviewed the Controlled Burn Training Agreement allowing Signal Hill Fire Department to destroy the former Khoury League Building in Stookey Athletic Park. Signal Hill Fire Department officials were unable to attend and present.

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

Discussion: Trustee A. Scharf asked who was responsible for cleanup after the building is destroyed. Supervisor M. Bagby stated Stookey Township was responsible for the cleanup process.

Vote: All voted yes

Committee Reports

- Parks & Rec (Supervisor M. Bagby)

The committee did meet May 30th. The park memorial policy and possible grant opportunities were discussed. The recent movie night at the park was a success. The new pavilions have been rented numerous times.

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

The committee did not meet. Trustee J. Lougeay has been in contact with Lt. Fults of the Saint Clair County Sheriff's Department regarding recent illegal activity. The committee did have a presence at the recent Stookey Park movie night.

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

The committee did meet. The committee is requesting Sheriff's Department support in working with Saint Clair County Code Enforcement officials. The Law Enforcement committee has also endorsed that request.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner B. Reed informed residents of emergency projects undertaken on Oak Hill Drive and Mullins Road. Hank's Excavating and Baxmeyer Construction aided in the projects. Street resurfacing projects in both Ogles and Dorchester subdivisions are scheduled to begin June 10th if weather permits. One round of grass mowing has been completed. The Heritage Estates street repair project is currently underway. The Powder Creek street repair project will be the next to begin.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor M. Bagby thanked Mr. Todd Horn Sr. for his work at the recent movie night in Stookey Park. Both of the people accused of burglarizing the Park maintenance shed at Stookey Park plead guilty in their court cases. Stookey Township has applied for restitution in the case. Supervisor M. Bagby urged residents to apply for their yearly sewer discount for swimming pool water usage.

Discussion and Approval of June Stookey Standouts

Jennifer Bieber, Terry & Dawn Miller, Keith & Kimberly Mesey, Sunset Gardens of Memory, Kenneth Fults and Jeff & Tracy Dell were all nominated for recognition.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Park Memorial Policy

The Parks & Rec Committee amended the Park Memorial Policy to have a total of 17 possible tree species available for park memorials.

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

Discussion: Trustee J. Lougeay stated he believed the list of trees was still shorter than he would like. He also stated there was no guideline in approving a tree for memorial. Trustee A. Scharf suggested approving the policy and requesting the Parks & Rec Committee add to the policy at a later date.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Gutters or Pavers for Park Pavilions

Estimates for pavers for both pavilions in Stookey Park would have a combined cost of \$32,985. Two companies bid for the addition of gutters to the pavilions: Klemme Construction - \$3,307 & Rebel Inc. - \$1,595.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay (Rebel Inc.) **2nd:** Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of F.E.W. for 2023-2024 Audit

Auditing firm Fick, Eggemeyer and Williamson completed the yearly audit of the Highway Department, Sewer Department and Township. The total cost of the audit was \$26,000.

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

Discussion: Trustee A. Scharf objected to the cost of the yearly audits. He suggested combining funds in order to save money.

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of Moving July Board Meeting to July 3rd

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for Monday, July 1st 2024. Due to a scheduling error, Supervisor M. Bagby will be unable to attend the July 1st meeting. He requested the Board of Trustees reschedule the meeting for Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024.

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

Discussion: Commissioner B. Reed stated he may be out-of-town for the July 3rd meeting.

Vote: All voted yes

Closed/Executive Session

The Board of Trustees voted to leave open session at 7:17 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

The Board of Trustees voted to reenter open session at 7:52 pm.

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 7:52 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes