

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

Regular Meeting

November 4th 2024

Meeting held at 313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. An official roll call was taken. Commissioner B. Reed, Trustee D. Weaver and Trustee A. Scharf were absent. Supervisor M. Bagby, Trustee R. Stookey, Trustee J. Lougeay and Clerk F. Garner were present.

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

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

The Board of Trustees reviewed the October 7, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

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

Discussion: None

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 billing statements.

Vote: All vote yes

Late bills

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Public Participation

Ms. Evelyn Belman asked questions regarding spending of donations made to the Stookey Parks NFP.

Ms. Karen Robitaille spoke in support of Park Steward Todd Horn.

Ms. Gabriela Zamfir spoke about how impressed she has been with the work of Todd Horn.

Jim Worms came to speak on behalf of Mr. Todd Horn.

Jerry Gaa spoke in support of Mr. Todd Horn.

Mr. William Thorpe spoke about his dislike for the job members of the Stookey Township Board were doing regarding trash collection.

Mr. Todd Horn spoke about how unhappy he was with the amount of support he had received as an employee of Stookey Township.

Mrs. Kim Horn spoke about how upset she was with the treatment of her husband Todd Horn.

Discussion and Approval of Benefits Renewals

A brief presentation was given by officials of Strategic Risk Management Group regarding insurance renewals. The Board of Trustees were given the options of United Healthcare and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Motion: Trustee J. Lougeay (United Healthcare) 2nd: Trustee R. Stookey

Discussion: Board members questioned various details of the different policy options.

Vote: All voted yes

The Board of Trustees also chose to renew both the Delta Dental PPO and Delta Vision plans.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion and Approval of ICRMT Renewal

The Board of Trustees voted to renew the insurance contract for a total annual premium of \$160,887.

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

Discussion: Board members questioned various details of the policy renewal.

Vote: All voted yes

Committee Reports

Parks & Rec (Supervisor M. Bagby)

- Stonework at Heroes Plaza in Stookey Park has been completed. Committee members are currently working on completing an application for a MEPRD grant. The pavilions in Stookey Park are scheduled to be rented regularly up until the Thanksgiving holiday. The park mower is being repaired. The committee is also compiling bids for additions to Stookey Athletic Park.

Law Enforcement (Trustee J. Lougeay)

- The committee did not meet for the month. Committee members have been in contact with Saint Clair County Sheriff's Department officials.

Lighting & Zoning (Trustee A. Scharf)

- No Report

Highway Commissioner's Report (*written statement*)

The Highway Department is currently completing the final round of right-of-way mowing for the year. Both the Cheshire and Lakeview Drive road construction projects have been completed. One easement has been obtained to complete repairs on the Villa Drive bridge. A street resurfacing projects on Cloverleaf Road has been completed. The Highway Department delivered all the election equipment to polling places within Stookey Township. All snow removal equipment is being tested for use in the coming winter months. Road salt has also been purchased. Commissioner Reed then wished all residents a happy Thanksgiving.

Supervisor's Report

Ogles Neighborhood Watch named Stookey Township Board of Trustees as their October Great Neighbor recipient. New cured sewer piping is now being laid in the Country Club Acres neighborhood. A new fence has been installed at the sewer plant. Supervisor Bagby then reminded Stookey residents of the Tuesday, November 5th general election.

Discussion of Tax Levies

Ordinance 2024-09 was discussed by the Board of Trustees. The Town will levy in the amount of \$579,964.04. The amount is 3.34% higher than the previous year. The proposed Levy will be available for public viewing for a period of 20 days and voted upon at the December regular board meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Streetlight Requests

Citizens in the Country Club Neighborhood had recently requested additional lighting. The Lighting & Zoning Committee approved the addition of four streetlights. The Old Lantern Neighborhood also requested additional lighting. The Lighting & Zoning Committee stated there was currently sufficient lighting in the neighborhood.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes

Discussion of TWM Proposal for Stookey Athletic Park

The Board of Trustees requested plans be drawn up for improvements to Stookey Athletic Park. TWM submitted a bid for the plan with a cost of \$85,470. Supervisor M. Bagby stated he is currently searching for additional bids.

Closed/Executive Session

The Board of Trustees voted to leave open session at 7:20 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 7:47 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 7:55 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted yes