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

Regular Meeting

May 4th 2026

313 Eiler Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Trustee Allen Scharf. Present at the meeting were Commissioner Brian Reed, Clerk Frazier Garner and Trustees Brad Lego, Amber Whyte, Allen Scharf and John Goelz. Supervisor Mark Bagby attended the meeting electronically via teams.microsoft.com.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Allen Scharf.

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

The Board of Trustees reviewed the April 6, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Motion: Trustee J. Goelz **2nd**: Trustee B. Lego

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Bills

The Board of Trustees reviewed the monthly billing statements.

Motion: Trustee B Lego **2nd**: Trustee J. Goelz

Discussion: None

Vote: Supervisor M. Bagby abstained, all others voted aye. The motion carried.

- **Discussion and Approval of Delayed Bills**

Motion: Trustee B. Lego **2nd**: Trustee J. Goelz

Discussion: None

Vote: Supervisor M. Bagby abstained; all others voted aye. The motion carried.

Public Participation

Mrs. Paula Williams gave a statement regarding a sinkhole near her property.

Mr. Jim Lougeay gave thanks to the Highway Department for their work with downed trees on Carson Drive. He then mentioned a bill from Woody's from the Highway Department.

Mr. Herman Koester gave thanks for a get-well-card sent by the Stookey Township Board.

April Stookey Standout Award

Mr. Mike Hauser was recognized for all his hard work building new homes in Stookey Township.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation (Mr. Brad Dearborn)

Mr. Brad Dearborn informed residents of his recent move out of Stookey Township. He stated it would be his last report and would be stepping down as Parks & Rec Chair. The pickleball equipment grant has been received. Once there is enough dry weather, construction of the playground will begin at Stookey Athletic Park.

Law Enforcement (Trustee Brad Lego)

No Report given

Lighting and Zoning (Trustee Al Scharf)

No Report given

Highway Commissioner's Report

Due to the recent storms, the Highway Department has been dealing with downed trees throughout town. Many residents have made requests to have ditches cleaned. Right-of-way

mowing is underway. The Villa Drive Bridge is still under construction. The Werner Road Bridge project is now complete.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor M. Bagby reminded residents of the tornado siren policy of Saint Clair County. Some of the Stookey Athletic Park playground equipment was damaged in shipping. Officials are working to have those damaged pieces replaced before construction begins.

Discussion and Approval of Town, Sewer and Highway Budgets

Highway Department

Total budgeted expenditures for the Highway Department amounted to $2,559,122.

Motion: Trustee B. Lego **2nd:** Trustee J. Goelz

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

Town

Total expenditures for the Town budget amounted to $1,237,536.

Motion: Trustee J. Goelz **2nd:** Trustee A. Whyte

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

Sewer

Total budgeted expenditures for the Sewer Department amounted to $3,012,700.

Motion: Trustee B. Lego **2nd:** Trustee A. Whyte

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Bonds for Highway, Town and Sewer

The Township Supervisor is required to be bonded to ensure payment upon possible default by a public entity. The bonds were issued by Travelers Insurance: Sewer Bond of $2.9 million with a premium of $2,936, Road Bond of $2.5 million with a premium of $2,564 and the Town Bond of $2 million with a premium of $2,014.

Motion: Trustee J. Goelz **2nd**: Trustee B. Lego

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

Discussion of Sewer ordinance adjustment

The agenda item was first discussed by the Board of Trustees at the April 6, 2026 regular meeting. The issue was tabled in order to give residents a chance to hear the proposal at the April Annual Town Meeting. Ordinance 2026-008 would allow for progressive increases in the sewer and sludge hauling rates beginning July 1, 2026. The increase will be used to fund current and future sewer construction projects and EPA compliance measures.

Motion: Trustee B. Lego **2nd:** Trustee A. Scharf

Discussion: None

Vote: Trustee J. Goelz voted nay. All others voted aye. The motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of MACI Renewal

The insurance is required for catastrophic injury claims payable through the General Assistance program offered by Stookey Township. Allied Benefit Systems, LLC offers both a $25,000 deductible option for $2,470 and a $15,000 deductible option with a cost of $4,450. Supervisor M. Bagby made a motion to accept the $25,000 deductible option at a cost of $2,470.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.