

Sycamore Township
DeKalb County
State of Illinois

Minutes from February 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Sycamore Township was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken with Trustees Russ Josh, George Diedrich and John Ward as well as Township Supervisor Amy Mathey present. Also present were Township Clerk Kathy Lampkins and Township Highway Commissioner Bill Powers. Township Trustee Ellen Rogers was present via phone. Penny White from Goodfellows was also present.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting was made by Russ Josh. The motion was seconded by George Diedrich. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None.

Approval of the Financial Reports/Balance Sheet – John Ward made a motion to approve the treasurer’s financial reports. Russ Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote: Amy Mathey, yes; Russ Josh, yes; Ellen Rogers, yes; John Ward, yes; George Diedrich, yes.

Audit and Authorization of Expenditures – The following Town expenditures were authorized for payment:

Town	\$ 32,670.69
IMRF Fund	\$ 1,092.74
General Assistance Fund	\$ 340.00
Total Town Bills	\$ 34,103.43

Russ Josh made a motion to authorize the town expenditures. Ellen Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, John Ward, yes; Russ Josh, yes; George Diedrich, yes; Amy Mathey, yes; Ellen Rogers, yes.

Audit and Authorization of Expenditures - The following Road expenditures were authorized for payment:

General Road Fund	\$ 6,285.69
Insurance	\$ 91.46
IMRF Fund	\$ 586.02
Social Security Fund	\$ 823.11
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 19,797.46
Joint Bridge Fund	\$ 0
Building & Equipment	\$ 0
Total Road Bills	\$ 27,583.74

George Diedrich made a motion to authorize the road expenditures. John Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, Russ Josh, yes; John Ward, yes; George Diedrich, yes; Amy Mathey, yes; Ellen Rogers, yes.

Assessor’s Report - None.

Highway Commissioner's Report – Bill Powers reported that they have been quite busy with the snow and wind recently. Bill said they are beginning some clean up after some sod was flipped over. Bill noted that the salt supply is good and both salt bins are full right now.

Supervisors Report – Amy Mathey reported there is 1 General Assistance client and 14 residents in the nursing home. Amy said she likes the layout of DeKalb Township's website and she will be working on a process to update Sycamore Townships website. A discussion ensued. Amy said the copier representative came out and trained both Amy and Rachel Graf on the new copier.

Trustees Report – Ellen Rogers asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the Northern Illinois University shooting (15 years ago), the Parkland school shooting (5 years ago) and the recent shooting at Michigan State University. A moment of silence was observed.

Unfinished Business – The Town Budget was discussed regarding the monthly amount the township pays to the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center. It was agreed that Amy would put \$40,000 in the Town Budget for the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center and \$45,000 into the Social Service Grants. Amy also asked the Trustees for their thoughts and feedback regarding a program similar to DeKalb Township's Senior Utility Assistance Program. A discussion ensued. The Road Budget was discussed regarding mowing equipment. A discussion ensued.

New Business – Penny White from Goodfellows was present to discuss Goodfellows request for a donation to their non-profit organization. Ellen Rogers was concerned about a confidentiality issue with the paperwork included with the written request from Goodfellows. Penny said she would take the concern back to their board. Penny explained that Goodfellows is an all-volunteer organization that shops, wraps and delivers clothing only, no toys, to children. Penny said they served 975 children in the 2022 Christmas season. She said they get the information from the school districts, the WIC program and the 4C organization. Penny left after she concluded her presentation. A discussion ensued. Amy Mathey passed out a copy of the application that DeKalb Township uses for Human Services (we refer to them as social service grants). A discussion ensued.

Executive Session – Not needed.

Russ Josh made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Amy Mathey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sycamore Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lampkins
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Township Clerk