

Sycamore Township  
DeKalb County  
State of Illinois

Minutes from July 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Sycamore Township was held on Tuesday, July 11, 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. Board members present were Township Supervisor Amy Mathey, Trustees Russ Josh and George Diedrich. Also present were Township Clerk Kathy Lampkins, Township Assessor Kevin Schnetzler and Township Highway Commissioner Bill Powers. Trustee Ellen Rogers was absent.

Russ Josh made a motion to appoint Jim Holliday to fill the unexpired term of Trustee John Ward. George Diedrich seconded the motion. Amy Mathey asked for all in favor. All yes, motion carried.

Township Clerk Kathy Lampkins administered the Oath of Office to Jim Holliday. Jim Holliday takes a seat on the board.

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023 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 – George Diedrich made a motion to approve the treasurer's financial reports. Russ Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote: Amy Mathey, yes; Russ Josh, yes; Jim Holliday, yes; George Diedrich, yes.

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

Town	\$ 79,556.33
IMRF Fund	\$ 1,107.74
General Assistance Fund	\$ 2,190.35
Total Town Bills	\$ 82,854.42

Amy Mathey said the Town expenditures this month include the social service grants. Russ Josh made a motion to authorize the town expenditures. George Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote, Russ Josh, yes; George Diedrich, yes; Amy Mathey, yes; Jim Holliday, yes.

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

General Road Fund	\$ 28,681.40
Insurance	\$ 0
IMRF Fund	\$ 517.18
Social Security Fund	\$ 689.27
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 21,225.66
Joint Bridge Fund	\$ 2,874.56
Building & Equipment	\$ 165.00
Total Road Bills	\$ 54,153.07

Russ Josh made a motion to authorize the road expenditures. George Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote, Russ Josh, yes; George Diedrich, yes; Amy Mathey, yes; Jim Holliday, yes.

Assessor's Report – Kevin Schnetzler said he has been updating his records with sales and permit numbers. Kevin noted he has been working with the County Assessor's Office regarding some questions they have had.

Highway Commissioner's Report – Bill Powers said the seal coating was completed today. Bill said the county will be doing the striping within the next month. Bill reported they have been working on shouldering as well as weed spraying. Bill said they will start the next round of mowing next week. Bill reported they have been working with Wagener on a project at North Grove Road and Twin Oaks. Jim Holliday asked about the Peace Road widening project. A discussion ensued.

Supervisors Report – Amy Mathey reported there is 1 General Assistance client and 12 residents in the DeKalb County nursing home. Amy reported that she finally received a bill from the nursing home for May 2023. Amy said the auditor Bill Newkirk will be at our August 8 meeting to give his report. Amy noted that TOI sent a notice that they are launching a new website program but the cost is increasing from \$175.00 per year to \$175.00 per month. A discussion ensued. Amy said she has been contacted by Jerry Olson from Sycamore United Methodist Church. Jerry had submitted an application for a social service grant on April 25, 2023, however, Amy never received it. Amy said Jerry Olson forwarded his application to her showing the April 25, 2023 date. Amy Mathey made a motion to grant \$2,000.00 to the food pantry at Sycamore United Methodist Church from the social service grant fund. Jim Holliday seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote, George Diedrich, yes; Russ Josh, yes; Jim Holliday, yes; Amy Mathey, yes.

Trustees Report – None.

New Business – Amy Mathey presented the Policy for Public Comments at Sycamore Township Board Meetings. Amy Mathey made a motion to accept this policy and implement such. Russ Josh seconded the motion. Amy Mathey asked for an all in favor vote. All yes, motion carried.

Executive Session – Not needed.

Russ Josh made a motion to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Amy Mathey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sycamore Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Lampkins*  
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Township Clerk