

Sycamore Township
DeKalb County
State of Illinois

Minutes from November 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Sycamore Township was held on Tuesday, November 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. Board members present were Township Supervisor Amy Mathey, Trustees Jim Holliday and George Diedrich. Also present were Township Clerk Kathy Lampkins and Township Highway Commissioner Bill Powers. Terri Lozier was also present. Trustee Russ Josh was absent.

George Diedrich made a motion to fill Ellen Rogers unexpired term with Terri Lozier. Amy Mathey seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote: George Diedrich, yes; Jim Holliday, yes; Amy Mathey, yes. Township Clerk Kathy Lampkins administered the Oath of Office to Terri Lozier. Terri Lozier takes a seat on the board.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023 meeting was made by Jim Holliday. 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. Jim Holliday seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote: Amy Mathey, yes; Terri Lozier, yes; Jim Holliday, yes; George Diedrich, yes.

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

Town	\$ 34,278.51
IMRF Fund	\$ 1,107.74
General Assistance Fund	\$ 544.80
Total Town Bills	\$ 35,931.05

A discussion ensued regarding Town Funds and Road District Funds. Amy Mathey provided an explanation of the two different funds. George Diedrich made a motion to authorize the town expenditures. Jim Holliday seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote, Terri Lozier, 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	\$ 16,344.90
Insurance	\$ 0
IMRF Fund	\$ 547.60
Social Security Fund	\$ 729.82
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 13,999.09
Joint Bridge Fund	\$ 0
Building & Equipment	\$ 0
Total Road Bills	\$ 31,621.41

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

Assessor's Report – No report.

Highway Commissioner's Report – Bill Powers said they have been catching up on mowing, especially near the utility poles and fields where they were unable to get close to until the crops were harvested. Bill said that Bonnell will be recalibrating a truck tomorrow. Terri Lozier asks how often road checks are performed. Bill explained that they drive every township road 1 to 2 times a week. A discussion ensued regarding road checks. George Diedrich asked about where funds are received from on the Build Back Better program. Bill explained that these funds come from the county. A discussion ensued regarding these funds.

Supervisors Report – Amy Mathey reported there are no General Assistance clients and 12 residents in the nursing home. Amy said on October 30, 2023, she renewed both of the CD's at the Illinois Community Credit Union for 11 months at 5.5%. Amy noted the joint shred event with DeKalb Township went very well despite the rain and cold weather. George Diedrich asked about the 3rd party data breach at Resource Bank. Amy explained how she had to open a new checking account with Resource Bank due to the breach. A discussion ensued.

Trustees Report – None.

Unfinished Business – George Diedrich made a motion to approve the Town Levy as presented in the board packet. Terri Lozier seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote, Terri Lozier, yes; George Diedrich, yes; Amy Mathey, yes; Jim Holliday, yes. Jim Holliday made a motion to approve the Road District Levy as presented in the board packet. Terri Lozier seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote, Terri Lozier, yes; George Diedrich, yes; Amy Mathey, yes; Jim Holliday, yes.

New Business – None.

Executive Session – Not needed.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sycamore Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lampkins
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Township Clerk