

Sycamore Township
DeKalb County
State of Illinois

Minutes from February 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Sycamore Township was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. 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 Terri Lozier, Jim Holliday and George Diedrich. Also present were Township Clerk Kathy Lampkins and Township Highway Commissioner Bill Powers.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024 meeting was made by George Diedrich. The motion was seconded by Jim Holliday. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None.

Approval of the Financial Reports/Balance Sheet – Jim Holliday made a motion to approve the treasurer’s financial reports. Terri Lozier 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	\$ 36,035.95
IMRF Fund	\$ 867.98
General Assistance Fund	\$ 1,628.06
Total Town Bills	\$ 38,531.99

Jim Holliday asked if the nursing home was current on billing the township. Amy Mathey said yes they were current. 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	\$ 14,636.22
Insurance	\$ 113.40
IMRF Fund	\$ 532.20
Social Security Fund	\$ 1,020.63
Permanent Road Fund	\$ 25,886.54
Joint Bridge Fund	\$ 0
Building & Equipment	\$ 0
Total Road Bills	\$ 42,188.99

George Diedrich made a motion to authorize the road expenditures. Terri Lozier 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 reported they have had a busy start to the first few weeks of the year. He said winter storms, lots of hours, spreading a lot of salt and burned a lot of diesel. Bill wanted to give a shoutout to his employees. Bill said many thanks to his guys that they received zero complaints. He said they did a great job. Bill said he sent a list of potential road projects to the assistant county engineer. Bill reported that he has ordered a new mowing tractor and is not expecting to get it until June or July. Bill said he has tentatively sold the old mowing tractor to South Grove Township. Bill noted he has been talking with Central Illinois Truck and Bonnell regarding replacing a truck and the wait time can be 8 to 9 months. A discussion ensued regarding the process Bill uses when using the state bid process. Bill ended with expressing his condolences to the Josh Family on the death of Trustee Russ Josh.

Supervisors Report – Amy Mathey reported there are no General Assistance clients and 17 residents in the nursing home. Amy said she sent the Paid Leave for All Workers Act (820 ILCS 192/) policy to our township attorney Rich Larson for review. She said Rich Larson changed a few words. Amy noted Sycamore Township and DeKalb Township will be doing a joint shred event on May 18 at the YMCA. Additionally, Amy said Sycamore Township and DeKalb Township will be doing an electronics recycle day on June 15. Amy said she is unable to be present at the June 15 event and is asking for a volunteer to help Mary Hess from DeKalb Township with directing traffic. Jim Holliday indicated that he should be able to help on June 15. A discussion ensued regarding a memorial of some sort to long time serving township trustee Russ Josh. A discussion ensued regarding the timing of filling Russ' seat on the board.

Trustees Report – None.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Executive Session – Not needed.

George Diedrich made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Terri Lozier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sycamore Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lampkins

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Township Clerk