

SEWARD TOWNSHIP AGENDA

14719 O'BRIEN ROAD

MINOOKA, ILLINOIS 60447

Monday, August 4, 2025

7:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussion of the Performance Bond as it relates to the construction of the addition/new Township building with possible vote.
4. Public Comments
5. Adjournment

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Kendall County
Seward Township

The board of trustees met at the office of the Town Clerk at Seward Town Hall on August 4th, 2025 for a special board meeting. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Tim O'Brien, Supervisor
Jim Martin, Trustee
Fran Miller, Trustee
Sharleen Smith, Trustee
Michelle Salato, Clerk
Megan Lamb, Attorney

Absent

Dan Roberts, Trustee

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Discussion : Performance Bond

Bond Act - all local governments of any kind building a building over 150 thousand, contractor must have a performance bond.

White & Sons - tried 3 times to get bond - denied - no alternative

Miller - At what point did you apply?

White & Sons - Immediately after the bid. It takes about 3-4 weeks for approval.

Martin - What do we do legally? How would we appear if we pursued this and got in a bind and it goes legal and has to go through court? Did we break a law by not following bond law?

Lamb - Yes but it may not affect court proceedings. How about a letter of credit?

White & Sons - do not have one

Miller - Will the county give us permits?

Cryder - We already have them.

White & Sons - Could a solution to cover performance bond be a gentleman's agreement?

Martin - We are concerned about the law.

Miller - We would be hard pressed to answer the public if something happened.

Smith - Is there any way we can say go ahead but let's keep working on the performance bond?

Miller - Give another 3-4 weeks for the asurity company?

O'Brien - A 3rd party referral bond broker?

White & Sons - Maybe my agent can reach out.

Smith - Where do we go?

Martin - I am not voting against the law. Some time spent on this might help. If not, we need to figure out plan B. If White & Sons is unable and we have to go a different route, where would the title and waivers for sub contractors come from?

Lamb - I will look into it.

Special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Seward Town Hall.

Public comments - Cryder - If White & Sons can get the performance bond before September 3rd, can we call a special meeting?

Martin - yes

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Martin, second Trustee Smith, motion carried 4 yes.

The meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.