

Minutes ~ Board of Town Trustees

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Winnebago County, (ss.
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Town of Harlem ,)

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the
Office of the Town Clerk at 819 Melbourne Avenue on March 9, 2020.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Terri Knight Chairman
Sheryl Crowley Town Clerk
Bob Arneson Town Trustee
Kathy Geyer Town Trustee
Kate Tammen Town Trustee
Linda Woodrow-Mertz Town Trustee
Mrs. Terri Knight acting as chairman, and Sheryl Crowley
as clerk. The following official business was transacted:

Others present: Jon Vaiden, Assessor, Ed Tegland, Road Commissioner, Attorney John Nelson, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank. Citizens: Chuck Knight.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.
Assessor Vaiden gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll call was taken, and a quorum declared present.

A motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve the February 10, 2020 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Arneson. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- General Assistance Report – 2 active, 0 pending, 0 applications, 0 terminated, 0 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Attorney Nelson said he talked to Mickey who’s working for TOIRMA now regarding the risk management report. We need to protect ourselves from cyber extortion, secondly sexual harassment which can be numerous and thirdly the Corona virus & what townships can do to protect liability. Mickey can make a presentation to board in May. He looked at the annual meeting and no filings asking for any additions to the agenda. Jon asked with the Corona virus if anything will change with the meetings in Springfield. Discussion on the Corona virus. Trustee Arneson asked how much the new truck was. Road Commissioner Teglund said \$89,000 with the plow.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Supervisor: Thank you letter from HRFD for the toy donation. Young at Heart is Saturday, May 23rd at 9 am. Getting budget ready, discussed issues with auditing firm, employees left and haven’t been replaced. WIPLEE has not given any help whatsoever and W2’s were late going out. Getting proposal on other auditing firm. The budget needs to be approved by the end of March so we will need another meeting. It was agreed to meet on March 23rd at 5:30 pm.

Assessor: Busy month, March 3rd finished hearings successful with a lot of the decisions. Doing continuing education, the end of March. March 31st is Topics Day in Springfield.

Clerk: Working on the Annual Town meeting that will be April 14th, the agenda needs to be approved by the board. Motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting agenda made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz, seconded by Trustee Geyer. Motion carried.

Road Commissioner: The roads were posted last Wednesday, hoping for an early Spring. Update on equipment, the drive shaft on the truck fell out again had it hauled in to Maggios to put it back in. The motor will be rebuilt on the 450 truck. The 450 truck they are going to sell, turned into TORMA when it's fixed will sell it. Thanked Dawn and Attorney Nelson for help with financing. The new truck is out front if you would like to see it. Thanked Trustees for approving the purchase of the truck. Things are looking up. Discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Town Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Geyer to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$35,961.34. Seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried.
5 Ayes (Trustee Arneson, Geyer, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight).

G.A. Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Arneson to approve payment of the G.A. Fund Bills in the amount of \$624.00. Seconded by Woodrow-Mertz. Motion carried.
5 Ayes (Trustee Arneson, Geyer, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight).

Park Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the Amount of \$1,983.58. Seconded by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz. Motion carried.
5 Ayes (Trustee Arneson, Geyer, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight).

Road & Bridge Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$54,206.01. Seconded by Trustee Geyer. Motion carried.
5 Ayes (Trustee Arneson, Geyer, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight).

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

Trustee Tammen asked to be excused from the next board meeting and the Annual Town Meeting. Motion made by Trustee Tammen, seconded by Trustee Geyer, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Arneson. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Crowley
Harlem Township Clerk