

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 April 13, 2020.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Terri Knight Chairman
Sheryl Crowley Town Clerk
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: Attorney John Nelson, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz to approve the March 9, 2020 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz to excuse Trustee Arneson, seconded by Trustee Geyer. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mickey Goral will be here next month (May).

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Attorney Nelson said he did the resolution for digital meetings. Governor cancelled the Annual meeting until a later date. Attorney Nelson explained the digital meeting process including public comments that can be emailed to the supervisor, comments can be three minutes. Discussed the Covid-19 virus which is deadly and scary. The stay at home order is working. Japan relaxed rules and virus numbers went straight back up. Governor Pritzker is doing a good job. It is permitted under the governor's order to have closed meetings, can have call in or electronic meetings. The contract for the new truck is being done. Got \$1,500 for the Assessor's van.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Supervisor: Received letter regarding notification of zoning text amendment for pot belly pigs to be allowed in R-1 this one is in Cherry Valley. Thank you for hosting early voting from Clerk Lori Gummow. Great off-site location for voting. Doing nature study on land donated by Mr. Schoonmaker. Having a grand opening hopefully by August. Problem with neighbor who doesn't want a fence up or trees cutdown. He contacted Chad Hunter of Machesney Park and he contacted Supervisor Knight. Trustee Geyer asked if our parks are closed Supervisor Knight said they are open, but nets are down.

Assessor: Absent due to virus.

Clerk: No report.

Road Commissioner: Absent due to virus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1R-2020 – Adopt Procedure to allow for Township Meetings to be held by Telephone Conference Call.

A motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve, seconded by Trustee Geyer. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee Geyer, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Town Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$40,305.28. Seconded by Trustee Geyer. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee Geyer, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

G.A. Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Geyer to approve payment of the G.A. Fund Bills in the amount of \$362.00. Seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee Geyer, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

Park Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the Amount of \$2,997.38. Seconded by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee Geyer, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

Road & Bridge Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$22,306.48. Seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee Geyer, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

Trustee Tammen asked if there is a deadline for a time to contact the office if doing the meeting by phone. Supervisor Knight said just do it prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:10P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Crowley
Harlem Township Clerk