

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, Machesney Park, Illinois on April 12, 2021.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:	Terri Knight	Chairman
	Sheryl Crowley	Town Clerk
	Kate Tammen	Town Trustee
	Tommy Meeks	Town Trustee
	Linda Woodrow-Mertz	Town Trustee
		Town Trustee

Mrs. Terri Knight acting as chairman, and Sheryl Crowley as clerk.

The following official business was transacted:

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Assessor Jon Vaiden gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum declared present. Trustee Arneson is absent.

A motion was made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz to approve the March 8, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Meeks. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- General Assistance Report – 1 active, 0 pending, 0 application, 0 terminated, 0 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Prepared the Ordinance regarding the scholarship program, the intergovernmental agreement a budget amendment transferring \$100,000 & the soccer permission at Schoonmaker Park. There will be a turnover in leadership in Harlem Township.

Clarification: The Rock Valley College (RVC) Scholarship Program & the Intergovernmental Agreement between Harlem Township & Community College District #511, Rock Valley College & the Budget Amendment transferring \$200,000 to the Town Fund & establish a Rock Valley College Scholarships line item in the Town Fund Budget (\$100,000 per year).

ELECTED OFFICIAL’S REPORTS:

Supervisor: Terri & Kate met with the Rock Valley College people & discussed everything that is in the ordinance for the intergovernmental agreement. Several changes were made (not stated what they were). Trustee Tammen stated it was a good meeting.

Assessor: The new hire Christine is picking up on what needs to be done. They just got back from an exam in Bloomington -Normal did good with the exam. Will start on 2021 assessments & will be out in the field for the next few months.

Clerk: No report.

Road Commissioner: Getting things changed over for summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 3-2021 Intergovernmental Agreement Between Harlem Township, A Municipal Corporation, and Community College District #511, Rock Valley College, For Administration of Harlem Township Designated Scholarship Monies

Motion was made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz to approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between Harlem Township & Community College District #511, Rock Valley College, seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Meeks, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

Ordinance 4-2021 Budget Amendment Transferring \$200,000 to the Town Fund and Establishing a Rock Valley College Scholarship Line Item

Motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve the Budget Amendment Transferring \$200,000 to the Town Fund and Establishing a Rock Valley Scholarship Line Item, seconded by Trustee Meeks. Motion carried. 4Ayes (Trustee, Meeks, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

Resolution 2-R-2021 Authorization of Exclusive Use of Schoonmaker Park by Rockford Youth Soccer League

Motion made by Trustee Meeks, seconded by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Meeks, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

Approval of Bills for Payment – Town – General Assistance – Park – Road & Bridge

Town Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$50,675.07 Seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried.

4 Ayes (Trustee Meeks, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

G.A. Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Meeks to approve payment of the G.A. Fund Bills in the amount of \$344. Seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried.

4 Ayes (Trustee Meeks, 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 \$3,033.67. Seconded by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz. Motion carried.

4 Ayes (Trustee Meeks, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

Road & Bridge Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$22,661.65. Seconded by Trustee Meeks. Motion carried.

4 Ayes (Trustee Meeks, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

Attorney Nelson discussed non-partisan election, what it takes to set up a non-partisan election. He said Pecatonica Township runs non-partisan. Attorney Nelson gave an update on Schoonmaker Park softball contract.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Crowley
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Harlem Township Clerk