

# Minutes ~ Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,            }  
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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 August 11, 2021.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_ Gary Jury \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman  
  \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew Gabel \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk  
  \_\_\_\_\_ Josh Gesner \_\_\_\_\_ Town Trustee  
  \_\_\_\_\_ Ron Esser \_\_\_\_\_ Town Trustee  
  \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Hofmann \_\_\_\_\_ Town Trustee  
  \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron McKnight \_\_\_\_\_ Town Trustee  
Mr. Gary Jury acting as chairman, and Matthew Gabel as clerk.

The following official business was transacted:

Others present: Road Commissioner Michael Meier, Assessor Jon Vaiden, Attorney Gino Galluzo, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank. Citizens: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.  
Assessor Jon Vaiden gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll call was taken, and a quorum declared present. Absent: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Hofmann to approve the July 14, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

## **ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None

## **ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Met with President of Rock Valley College, had good discussion. Things are going well since May. Mentioned an idea of possible solar panel farm in the back lot of Township property. Talked about 4 logos that Township had made to choose for new logo.

**Assessor:** Dealing with assessments being protested, 3 complaints so far. Good feedback so far. Complaints over \$100,000 are due in October. Participated in a seminar at Rockford Public Library to help with assessment appeals.

**Clerk:** None.

**Road Commissioner:** Talked about learning curve over last 4 months. Mentioned some road projects involving paving, working with the Rockford Township. May look into some grants to help with future projects. Addressed salt shed process and it going out for bid. Bidding ordinance in 2006 that we have to follow. Having some discussions with the County to get advice and assistance. Acknowledged Keith O'Neal and Robert Alexander for their dedication and assistance during the recent storms.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 14-2021 - Resolution Authorizing the Township Supervisor to Enter into Contract with Per Mar Security Services for the Township Building**

Motion was made by Trustee Gesner, seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

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

**Town Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$43,039.88 Seconded by Trustee Hofmann. Motion carried.  
5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

**G.A. Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to approve payment of the G.A. Fund Bills in the amount of \$2,819.00. Seconded by Trustee Hofmann. Motion carried.  
5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

**Park Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the Amount of \$13,657.92. Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried.  
5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

**Road & Bridge Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee McKnight to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$20,966.21. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried.  
5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

**FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:**

Attorney Galluzzo raised a question to see about the new infrastructure bill that was passed to see if there was any money available to Townships. Dawn and Gary will look into it.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Trustee Esser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee McKnight.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07PM

Respectfully Submitted,

*Matthew Gabel*

Matthew Gabel  
Harlem Township Clerk