

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 March 8, 2021.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Terri Knight Chairman
Sheryl Crowley Town Clerk
Kate Tammen Town Trustee
Tommy Meeks Town Trustee
Linda Woodrow-Mertz Town Trustee
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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, Paul Hofmann & Mark Sorrentino.

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 February 8, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Filed a motion to dismiss the PTAB, should get an order back from the Administrative Law Judge soon. Discussed the Rock Valley College Scholarship program for Harlem Township, any Harlem Township student can apply. He explained he sits on the RVC Board. This program is beneficial to Harlem High School & should be awarded to people who need it the most. Will bring the Ordinance in next month for approval.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Supervisor: They have been working on the budget which will be voted on tonight. Getting parks ready to open, people have signed up for the Schoonmaker shelter. The dog park registration is ongoing.

Assessor: Just wrapping up the 2020 assessment cycle. The new employee completed classes. The Board of Review is wrapping up soon.

Clerk: The Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The notice will be published in the Parks Journal.

Road Commissioner: Looks like winter is over, changing over from plowing to fixing potholes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1 -2021 Town, General Assistance & Park Budget

Motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve the Town, General Assistance & Park Budget, seconded by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Meeks, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

Ordinance 2 -2021 Road & Bridge Budget

Motion was made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz to approve the Road & Bridge Budget seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee, Meeks, Tammen, Woodrow-Mertz & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Arneson absent.

Resolution 9-R-2021 Establish Harlem Township Scholarship Commission for Scholarship at Rock Valley College

Attorney Nelson explained the resolution for scholarships to Rock Valley College (RVC). Harlem High School students would be eligible to apply for the scholarship. Harlem Township has the funds to do the scholarship, \$100,000 would be transferred from the Contingency Fund to a Scholarship Fund once established. The requirement to receive a scholarship would be a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Trustee Kate Tammen would help with the scholarship program.

Motion made by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz, seconded by Trustee Meeks. 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 Tammen to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$33,777.03. Seconded by Trustee Woodrow-Mertz. 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 \$415.99. 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 \$7,007.32. Seconded by Trustee Meeks. Motion carried.

4 Ayes (Trustee Meeks, 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 \$66,795.14. Seconded by Trustee Meeks. Motion carried.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Crowley

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Harlem Township Clerk