

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 November 16, 2020.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Terri Knight Chairman
Sheryl Crowley Town Clerk
Bob Arneson Town Trustee
Kate Tammen Town Trustee
Tommy Meeks 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.

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 Woodrow-Mertz is sick with the virus.

A motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve the October 5, 2020 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Meeks. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Supervisor Knight welcomed Tommy Meeks to the board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: The Ask a Lawyer is coming up for the virtual TOI conference. If you have any questions you can ask during the virtual Ask a Lawyer.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Supervisor: Will be using Schoonmaker park as a Christmas tree drop off location. Letter from the Lion Club asking for a \$50 donation to buy candy and a letter from Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful asking for a \$750 donation for Christmas tree recycling.

Trustee Tammen made a motion to donate \$750 to Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful. Motion carried 4-0 (Trustee Woodrow-Mertz absent).

Trustee Arneson made a motion to donate \$50 to the Lions Club. Motion carried 4-0 (Trustee Woodrow-Mertz absent).

Assessor: Hearings are supposed to start next year, will do some testing on virtual hearings to see how they do. Reported on office, also doing interviews to fill a vacant position. Jon said he has a person he is interviewing Tuesday that has some qualifications. Discussion.

Clerk: Working on the election, today was the first day to file for the February primary, the Republicans are holding a caucus on December 1st.

Road Commissioner: They are cleaning up from the storm damage. Pole went down in the back belonging to AT & T. Preparing for winter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 4-2020 Harlem Township Tax Levy

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

Ordinance 4-2020 Harlem Township Road and Bridge Levy (Ordinance # per agenda)

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

Resolution 6-2020 Holiday Schedule 2021 – Harlem Township

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

Resolution 8 -2020 Holiday Schedule 2021 – Harlem Township Road District (Ord 7-2020 approved 10/5)

Trustee Tammen made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Meeks. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee Arneson, Meeks, Tammen, & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Woodrow-Mertz 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 \$37,520.34. Seconded by Trustee Meeks. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee, Arneson, Meeks, Tammen, & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Woodrow-Mertz absent.

G.A. Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Arneson to approve payment of the G.A. Fund Bills in the amount of \$312. Seconded by Trustee Tammen. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee, Arneson, Tammen, Meeks & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Woodrow-Mertz absent.

Park Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the Amount of \$2,644.69. Seconded by Trustee Arneson. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee, Arneson, Tammen, Meeks & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Woodrow-Mertz absent.

Road & Bridge Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Tammen to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$64,881.02. Seconded by Trustee Meeks. Motion carried.
4 Ayes (Trustee, Arneson, Tammen, Meeks & Supervisor Knight). Trustee Woodrow-Mertz absent.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:23P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Crowley
Harlem Township Clerk