

Minutes ~ Board of Town Trustees

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Town of Harlem,)

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THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Office of the Town Clerk at 819 Melbourne Avenue, Machesney Park, Illinois on September 8, 2021.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: _____ Gary Jury _____ Chairman
 _____ Matthew Gabel _____ Town Clerk
 _____ 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: Assessor Jon Vaiden, Attorney Gino Galluzzo, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank. Citizens: None.

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

Trustee Paul Hofmann gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum declared present. Trustee Josh Gesner joined via phone. Absent: Michael Meier, Road Commissioner.

A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve the August 11, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Supervisor: Asked for prayers for Michael Meier's family battling COVID-19. Recently changed dumpster service, IT vendor and added to our annual savings of around \$3,000.

Assessor: Hoped everyone had a good Labor Day. Extended thoughts and prayers to Michael Meier's family during this difficult time. Assessment complaint file deadline occurred on August 28th. Some complaints continue to trickle in. Usually there are a few difficult complaints. Assessor's office is frugal with the budget. Will need some appraisals for some of the difficult complaints. Doing the best way to sustain assessments and the tax base for Harlem Township. Also helps the homeowners from picking up the burden of previous years reductions by receiving a smaller equalization factor.

Clerk: None.

Road Commissioner: Not present, no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Esser talked about continuing to help the citizens that came to a previous meeting in regard to the trucks speeding in their neighborhood.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 15-2021 - Resolution Authorizing the Harlem Township 2022 Holiday Schedule

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

Resolution 16-2021 - Resolution Authorizing the Harlem Township to Designate a New Logo

Motion was made by Trustee Hofmann, seconded by Trustee McKnight. 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 Hofmann to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$36,247.13. Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

G.A. Fund: G.A. Fund Bills in the amount of \$0.00. No motion needed.

Park Fund: A motion was made by Trustee McKnight to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the Amount of \$7,227.66. Seconded by Supervisor Jury. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

Road & Bridge Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Hofmann to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$24,375.33. Seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

Discussion about General Assistance. Facility looks great after the painting inside. Working with some other entities to improve the Forest Hills overpass. Great example of governments working together. Pleased to see the progress. May need special meeting in future to talk about salt shed matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:57PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel

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Harlem Township Clerk