

Minutes ~ Board of Town Trustees

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Winnebago County,)
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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 October 13, 2021.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: _____ Gary Jury _____ Chairman
 _____ Matthew Gabel _____ Town Clerk
 _____ Ron Esser _____ Town Trustee
 _____ Paul Hofmann _____ Town Trustee
 _____ Aaron McKnight _____ Town Trustee
 _____ Josh Gesner _____ 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 Galluzzo, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank.

Citizens: Mark Trotter.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.
Trustee Aaron McKnight 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 Esser to approve the September 8, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Trotter spoke on the audit that was recently completed. Open discussion in regards to the audit with the Trustees.

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: Talked about the 6 months of accomplishments thus far. Going to start looking at next year's budget next week. Thanked everyone.

Assessor: Board of Review hearings begin in November. Had a total of 59 complaints; 30 residential, 27 commercial and 2 industrial. 20 complaints are remaining. Waiting for some additional information and should have them completed by end of year. Will be meeting with Harlem School District to discuss complaints over \$100,000.

Clerk: Mentioned that we received a FOIA request asking about a Maintenance Agreement for our water supply. Responded to the party letting them know that we have not entered into any agreement for our water supply and if they had more information, to please let me know.

Road Commissioner: Has some personal issues at home. Doing best to handle job at Township as well. Commissioner's responsibility to run the Township Highway entity. Unsuccessful with the bid for the shed to be rebuilt but will try the process in the Spring. There are plans to make it work this winter. Trying to hire some people for the plowing in the winter time. Discussion between Trustees and Road Commissioner in regards to the report and shed bid planning for the Spring.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

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 \$41,068.78. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried.
5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

G.A. Fund: A motion was made by Supervisor Jury to approve payment of the G.A. Fund Bills in the amount of \$600.00. Seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried.
5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

Park Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Hofmann to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$3,821.82. Seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried.
5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

Road & Bridge Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$13,252.36. Seconded by Trustee Hofmann. Motion carried.
5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Hofmann.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel

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Harlem Township Clerk