

Minutes ~ Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
)
Winnebago County,) ss.
)
Town of Harlem,)

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Office of the Town Clerk at 819 Melbourne Avenue, Machesney Park, Illinois on January 19, 2022.

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 Gregory Cox, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank.

Citizens: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.
Trustee Joshua Gesner 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 December 8, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Esser. 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: Budget process beginning next week. Items to think about are the salt shed and some capital improvements.

Assessor: Attending hearing downtown, averaging 1-2 a week. Working through revisions and building permits. Beginning field work and looking at new construction for 2022. Met with Harlem School District Attorney to talk through the reduction requests over \$100,000.

Clerk: Looking into Facebook and will bring items to discuss at next meeting.

Road Commissioner: Have been out to salt and plow twice so far in January. Working on planning for salt shed and looking into equipment needs. State began to manage Harlem and Belvidere roads that were discussed prior.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 17-2022 - Resolution Requesting that the County of Winnebago Opt-Out of the Preferential Assessment Program Set Out in Section 15-178 of the Property Tax Code Pursuant to Public Act 102-0175

Motion was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Gesner. 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 McKnight to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$35,826.87. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

G.A. Fund: G.A. Fund Bills in the amount of \$0.00. Motion not needed.

Park Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Hofmann to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$4,472.33. 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 \$30,193.39. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Gesner, Hofmann, McKnight & Supervisor Jury).

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

Supervisor Jury discussed the idea of employee handbook like items.

Brief discussion on Schoonmaker Park plans.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:12PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel

Matthew Gabel
Harlem Township Clerk