

Meeting 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 July 13, 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: Assessor Jon Vaiden, Attorney Gino Galluzzo, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank.

Citizens: None.

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

Trustee Ron Esser gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum declared present. Absent: Road Commissioner Michael Meier.

A motion was made by Trustee McKnight to approve the June 8, 2022 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Hofmann. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & 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: Road Commissioner may be off for some time with some knee problems. Bike Path has been cleaned up with the help of Loves Park. Discussed election here for the Illinois primaries. Salt shed is moving forward. Discussed vandalism in Schoonmaker Park recently.

Assessor: Township workbook has been handed over to the County with no errors to report. Assessment publication is July 28th. Parcels with changes will get letters sent to them. Mentioned thoughts on Township Equalization Factor and what he may anticipate.

Clerk: Updated errors on May Meeting Minutes. Let Board know that Sheryl Crowley will be talked to about possibility of Deputy Clerk duties in the coming months.

Road Commissioner: Maintaining the mowing of grass and trimming trees. Looking to cut back some areas that need to be done with a boom arm, looking to be done in the fall. Salt shed moving along. Mentioned some knee problems he is dealing with.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on road job duties. Discussed the money transferred to Roads and how it should be used for road improvement and be a priority. Looking into the cost of sealing the roads and how much per mile.

Trustee McKnight wanted it noted that he is unhappy with the job performance of the Road Commissioner and have asked 3 months in a row for mile by mile sealing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 4-2022 – Resolution Authorizing the Township Supervisor to Purchase and have Installed Security Cameras at Schoonmaker Park. Not to Exceed \$12,000

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

****Received 2 bids for this Resolution 4-2022****

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 \$33,646.34. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

G.A. Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to approve payment of the G.A. Fund Bills in the amount of \$4,226.73. Seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

Park Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Hofmann to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$11,471.02. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & 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 \$13,992.29. Seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

These minutes are not official unless signed by the Township Clerk.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel
Harlem Township Clerk