

# Meeting Minutes ~ Board of Town Trustees

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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 April 12, 2023.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:	<u>Gary Jury</u>	Chairman
	<u>Matthew Gabel</u>	Town Clerk
	<u>Ron Esser</u>	Town Trustee
	<u>Paul Hofmann</u>	Town Trustee
	<u>Aaron McKnight</u>	Town Trustee

Mr. Gary Jury acting as chairman, and Matthew Gabel as clerk.

The following official business was transacted:

Others present: Road Commissioner Ed Tegland, Assessor Jon Vaiden, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank, Attorney Cox.

Citizens: None.

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

Trustee McKnight gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum declared present. Trustee Gesner absent.

A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve the March 8, 2023, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, & Supervisor Jury). Trustee Gesner absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- General Assistance Report – 5 active, 0 pending, 0 applications, 0 terminated, 0 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

**Attorney Comments:** None.

**General Assistance:** Received 10 phone calls for rent assistance in March. Looking to start a Lot Rent Assistance for seniors.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Discussed the damage from the tornado that came through our area on 3/31. Working with some residents about the trees that fell. There is damage to the fence at Schoonmaker Park. About 60 trees fell in the park. Thanked Ed and Russ for the help with the cleaning up. The bathroom at the park was also damaged. The City of Loves Park helped cut down some trees. Looking at seeing how insurance can assist in the costs. Locking the park on Sunday at dusk, no more dumping will be allowed.

**Assessor:** Recorded 367 arms-length sales from 1/1/2022 through 9/15/2022. Highest sales amount was \$965k and median sales amount was \$166k. Total sales was \$67,288,541. Went to continuing education with other Assessor's in Bloomington.

**Clerk:** Had Annual Town Meeting last night. Had 9 people attend, 3 more than last year. Looking at having a get together next year to try and drive more attendance.

**Road Commissioner:** Got Atwood Road taking care of cheaper than budgeted for. Having some seal coating taking place with the County. Working with County on Pierce Lake Road.

**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 Esser to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$43,626.37 Seconded by Trustee Hofmann. Motion carried.  
4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, & Supervisor Jury). Trustee Gesner absent.

**G.A. Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Hofmann to approve payment of the G.A. Bills in the amount of \$5,062.89. Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried.  
4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, & Supervisor Jury). Trustee Gesner absent.

**Park Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee McKnight to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$4,247.26. Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried.  
4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, & Supervisor Jury). Trustee Gesner absent.

**Road & Bridge Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$34,992.30. Seconded by Trustee Hofmann. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, & Supervisor Jury). Trustee Gesner absent.

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:**

Decennial Committee discussion. Meeting planned for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. 3 people appointed. Sheryl Crowley, Gary Hover, Lowell Ingram.

A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve the committee, seconded by Trustee Hofmann.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Trustee McKnight to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, & Supervisor Jury). Trustee Gesner absent.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel  
Harlem Township Clerk