

# 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 August 09, 2023.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:	<u>Gary Jury</u>	Chairman
	<u>Sheryl Crowley</u>	Town Clerk
	<u>Ron Esser</u>	Town Trustee
	<u>Paul Hofmann</u>	Town Trustee
	<u>Aaron McKnight</u>	Town Trustee
	<u>Josh Gesner</u>	Town Trustee

Mr. Gary Jury acting as chairman, and Sheryl Crowley as Clerk.

The following official business was transacted:

Others present: Road Commissioner Ed Tegland, Assessor Jon Vaiden, Attorney Galluzzo, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank. Clerk Matthew Gabel is on vacation and has an excused absence.

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.

A motion was made by Trustee McKnight to approve the July 12, 2023, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- General Assistance Report – 6 active, 0 pending, 1 application, 0 terminated, 0 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** Two comments on the amount saved for the schools and how this keeps the rates down. The levy doesn't go down, but everyone saves a little with the fact the levy doesn't increase. For the Township it would help if locally they could change local rules that would help the Assessors do a good job. Discussion.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Jury asked how much was saved for the school Assessor Vaiden said \$141,225.42, impact of \$243,000. Discussion (see attorney comments). The parking lot at the

Township is sealed and striped along with the bike path and parking lot at the park. Tearing down the building next week at the park. Receiving great comments from past bidders. Attended a meeting at IBEW with Assessor Vaiden and Trustee Esser. Argyle Subdivision compliments and Slabaugh's complimented the Township, "unbelievable how you guys have done such a good job and it's nice to know someone actually cares".

**Assessor:** The assessment notices are online, and copies mailed out by the Supervisor of Assessments. Jon talked about the property tax appeal board, discussion.

**Clerk:** No Report.

**Road Commissioner:** AC Pavement and Stripping Co. started seal coat work on Argyle Acres Subdivision July 20<sup>th</sup>. He attended an Education meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Patched concrete on Deer Path Road bridge. Took down a tree on McMichael Road that had been damaged by the storm. Started sweeping the new seal coated roads on August 7<sup>th</sup> and finished August 8<sup>th</sup>. Attended bid opening for Pierce Lake Road and Ambleside Road at Winnebago County Curran Contracting was low bidder at \$166,450.18.

Trustee Hofmann discussed a special meeting for Bid on Pierce Lake Road since it's higher than the budgeted amount of \$166,450.18. They have beautiful houses, but the road is very bad. Discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on repairs at Dennis Johnson Park the amount for the repairs is \$3,600 which is under \$5,000. Discussion on lowering net for Pickleball.

**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 \$36,582.88 Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

**G.A. Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Hofmann to approve payment of the G.A. Bills in the amount of \$4,886.63. Seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

**Park Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$18,228.04. Seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

**Road & Bridge Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$35,221.15. Seconded by Trustee Hofmann and McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

Trustee Esser discussed the I-Pass Transponder. The expense of tolls on the tollway, it was \$21 to drive to Dekalb with our dump truck. Discussion

**FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Trustee McKnight to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Crowley  
Harlem Township Deputy Clerk