

Meeting 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 11, 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
	<u>Josh Gesner</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, Attorney Cox, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank.

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

Trustee Gesner gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll call was taken, and a quorum declared present.

A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve the September 13, 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 – 4 active, 1 pending, 1 application, 2 terminated, 0 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Supervisor: Supervisor Jury discussed tax levy recommendations.

Assessor: Assessor Vaiden discussed complaints received so far, workload and the process involving deadlines coming in the future. Most of the complaints are residential. There are complaints from some corporate companies.

Clerk: Clerk Gabel discussed working on the spreadsheet with other Township clerks in Illinois.

Road Commissioner: Road Commissioner Tegland discussed the drywell project. He is working with Owen Township to have the salt spreaders installed and starting to outfit the trucks to be prepared for the winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 4-2023 Harlem Township Tax Levy

Motion was made by Supervisor Jury, seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 4 ayes (Supervisor Jury, Trustee Esser, Gesner & McKnight). 1 nay (Trustee Hofmann).

Discussion

***Trustee Hofmann distributed his memo describing his concerns; 'Harlem Township Tax Levy Increase of 5% passed at our board meeting 10/11/2023' to all elected officials of Harlem Township. Copy is available from the Harlem Township Clerk's office. ***

Ordinance 5-2023 Harlem Township Road and Bridge Levy

Motion was made by Supervisor Jury, seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 4 ayes (Supervisor Jury, Trustee Esser, Gesner & McKnight). 1 nay (Trustee Hofmann)

Discussion

Resolution 5-2023 Drywell Installation

*****Amended for bid/cost to not exceed \$15,000*****

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

Approval of Bills for Payment – Town – General Assistance – Park – Road & Bridge

Town Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$29,154.83 Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

G.A. Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve payment of the G.A. Bills in the amount of \$6,130.17. Seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

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Park Fund: A motion was made by Trustee McKnight to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$5,571.41. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. 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 \$13,152.06. Seconded by Trustee McKnight. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Hofmann, McKnight, Gesner & Supervisor Jury).

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

Decennial Committee Discussion.

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 6:11PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel
Harlem Township Clerk