

# Meeting Minutes ~ Board of Town Trustees

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,            }  
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Winnebago County,            { ss.  
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Town of Harlem                }

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Office of the Town Clerk at 819 Melbourne Avenue, Machesney Park, Illinois on March 19, 2026.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:	_____	Aaron McKnight,	Chairman
	_____	Sheryl Crowley,	Town Clerk
	_____	Ron Esser	Town Trustee
	_____	Joshua Gesner	Town Trustee
	_____	Sheryl Crowley	Town Trustee
	_____	Lory Seagren	Town Trustee

Mr. Aaron McKnight acting as chairman, and Sheryl Crowley as Clerk.

The following official business was transacted:

Others present: Road Commissioner Ed Tegland, Assessor Jon Vaiden, Attorney Gino Gulluzzo, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank. Clerk Matthew Gabel is working and unable to attend, Trustee Crowley is acting as Clerk for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.  
Trustee Esser gave the invocation followed by Boy Scout Troop 411 leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance .  
Roll call was taken, and a quorum declared present.

A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve the February 19, 2026, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Gesner, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Boy Scout Troop 411 was introduced to the board.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- General Assistance Report – 3 active, 0 pending, 0 application, 0 terminated, 0 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL’S REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Discussed the discovery of the septic tank out back that hasn’t been pumped in over 30 years.

**Clerk:** No Report.

Assessor: They have been busy measuring new construction. Estimate there are 50 new homes added to the assessment rolls for 2026. There are several P-TAB hearings coming in May in Springfield. One hearing is for Freddy's Frozen Custard and the other one is Home Depot.

Road Commissioner: Stenstrom started work on the Trench Drain in the truck bay. They discovered that a septic tank was connected to the trench drain. They located it and made it so that the septic system can be pumped in the future. Roads were posted on Monday, February 23rd. Attended the Educational Excavation program with the crew. Stenstrom has replaced the concrete culvert on Ellsworth Drive in Hinkleswood Subdivision. Replace a mail box on William's Trail. Road postings were removed on Friday March 13th. Heavy snow and high winds on March 15th and 16th made plowing difficult. Drift maintenance took up a lot of their time. They began at 4:30am and ended at 3:30pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Town Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Crowley to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$36,948.37. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Gesner, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight).

**G.A. Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve payment of the G.A. Bills in the amount of \$5,765.71. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Gesner, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight).

**Park Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$7,586.83. Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Gesner, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight).

**Road & Bridge Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Seagren to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$20,447.08. Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion Carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Gesner, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Trustee Esser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Gesner. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Gesner, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight).

The meeting adjourned at 5:44PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Crowley  
Harlem Township Deputy Clerk