

# 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 February 19, 2026.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:	<u>Aaron McKnight</u>	Chairman
	<u>Matthew Gabel</u>	Town Clerk
	<u>Sheryl Crowley</u>	Town Trustee
	<u>Lory Seagren</u>	Town Trustee
	<u>Ron Esser</u>	Town Trustee
	<u>Joshua Gesner</u>	Town Trustee

Mr. Aaron McKnight acting as chairman, and Matthew Gabel as Clerk.

The following official business was transacted:

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

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

Trustee Crowley 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 January 21, 2026, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Seagren. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner and Supervisor McKnight).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- General Assistance Report – 2 active, 0 pending, 2 application, 1 terminated, 1 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** None.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Updates on upcoming items township related, budget items and future bids.

**Assessor:** Working on decisions from Board of Review. Final checks on building permits. Deeds are coming in. Discussed senior freeze.

**Clerk:** Prepping for Annual Town Meeting in April.

**Road Commissioner:** Team pushed back drifts on major rural roads. New truck being serviced. Quotes received for trench drain repair in truck bays. Team out salting roads. Radio company coming in to install equipment so truck radios work properly. Tires replaced on Truck 4. Team patching potholes and replaced two mail boxes that were hit when plowing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2-R-2026 Establish the Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2026**

Motion was made by Trustee Gesner, seconded by Trustee Crowley. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner and Supervisor McKnight).

Discussion

**Resolution 3-R-2026 Trench Drain and Replacement Garage Concrete, Catch Basin, Strainer and Drain**

Motion was made by Trustee Gesner, seconded by Trustee Crowley. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner and Supervisor McKnight).

Discussion

**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 \$58,539.00. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner 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 \$6,816.04. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner and Supervisor McKnight).

**Park Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$4,995.37. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner 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 \$18,180.21. Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner and Supervisor McKnight).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:42PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel  
Harlem Township Clerk