

# Meeting Minutes ~ Board of Town Trustees

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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 January 21, 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

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, Attorney Gino Galluzzo.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34PM.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Crowley to approve the December 17, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight). Trustee Gesner absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** None.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Keys updated throughout building. Community Room is open to the public for use within reason.

**Assessor:** Last of the hearings took place, only had 3 of them. Very good for the township.

**Clerk:** None.

**Road Commissioner:** Fixed signs on McMichael Road. Truck radios are being worked on to help communication. Working with Winnebago County for culvert pipe for next season. Looking at fixing trench drain in truck bays. Three culverts looking to be replaced this year. New truck issues are being addressed. A lot of salting and plowing this season.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion on moving meetings to the third Thursday of every month beginning in February.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 1-R-2026 Gary Jury Way**

Motion was made by Trustee Esser, seconded by Trustee Seagren. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight). Trustee Gesner absent.

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 \$129,536.11. Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight). Trustee Gesner absent.

**G.A. Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve payment of the G.A. Bills in the amount of \$11,604.78. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight). Trustee Gesner absent.

**Park Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$70,584.65. Seconded by Trustee Seagren. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight). Trustee Gesner absent.

**Road & Bridge Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Seagren to approve payment of the Road & Bridge Fund Bills in the amount of \$42,557.24. Seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight). Trustee Gesner absent.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Trustee Esser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Crowley.

Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren and Supervisor McKnight). Trustee Gesner absent.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel  
Harlem Township Clerk