

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 October 15, 2025.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:	<u>Aaron McKnight</u>	Chairman
	<u>Matthew Gabel</u>	Town Clerk
	<u>Sheryl Crowley</u>	Town Trustee
	<u>Josh Gesner</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, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank. Attorney Sarah Farwick.

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Crowley to approve the September 17, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Esser. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner and Supervisor McKnight).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- General Assistance Report – 5 active, 0 pending, 0 application, 1 terminated, 2 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Supervisor: Update on roof, update on sidewalk, currently in process.

Assessor: Complaints being worked on, measurements on new construction, starting to work on 2026. Discussed Toys for Kids program.

Clerk: Annual Town Meeting in April 2026, starting to prepare.

Road Commissioner: New culvert pipes in subdivision, Rockford Township assisted. Back hoe has repair on hydraulic hose. Work on culvert in Argyle Acres. Received asphalt to repair bridge on McMichael Road. Radio installed in new dump truck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on Town and Road Levy.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

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 \$29,947.97. Seconded by Trustee Esser. 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 \$8,049.53. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. 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 \$5,655.14. 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 \$15,723.00. Seconded by Trustee Gesner. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner and Supervisor McKnight).

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MATTERS:

None.

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 5:57PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel
Harlem Township Clerk