

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 August 20, 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, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Gesner to approve the July 16, 2025, 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 – 6 active, 0 pending, 0 application, 1 terminated, 1 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Supervisor: Discussion apart of new business items in meeting agenda.

Assessor: Update on complaints are that 5 inquiries and 1 complaint have been docketed for Harlem Township. Expect less complaints this year than years past. Should have a final number at the September meeting.

Clerk: Was able to confirm that Trustee Crowley can remain Deputy Clerk when needed for when I am absent for a meeting.

Road Commissioner: Jesters Row work is completed. There is a culvert issue on Round Table that is being addressed. Addressing evergreen tree issue with neighbor on Atwood Road. Working with Rockford Township and Winnebago County on some future work that is needed. Sold the old Ford tractor. Replacing street signs that are missing.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hail Damage to Township Building

Discussion.

Painting Garage Doors

Discussion

Water Department Meter for Parks

Discussion

Auditor

Discussion

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

Town Fund: A motion was made by Trustee Esser to approve payment of the Town Fund Bills in the amount of \$50,262.91. 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 \$12,012.98. 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 \$25,384.32. 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 \$20,569.86. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. 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 Seagren. Motion carried. 5 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, Gesner and Supervisor McKnight).

The meeting adjourned at 5:58PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel
Harlem Township Clerk