

# Meeting Minutes ~ Board of Town Trustees

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THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Office of the Town Clerk at 819 Melbourne Avenue, Machesney Park, Illinois on April 16, 2026.

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| 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, Deputy Supervisor Dawn Frank, Attorney Gino Galluzzo.

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

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 Esser to approve the March 19, 2026, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Seagren. Motion carried. 4 Ayes (Trustee Esser, Crowley, Seagren, and Supervisor McKnight). Trustee Gesner absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- General Assistance Report – 1 active, 0 pending, 4 applications, 1 terminated, 0 denied.
- Financial Reports – On file.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** None.

### **ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Budget discussion. Deputy Supervisor hiring discussion.

**Assessor:** Field work currently. Working through all normal business.

**Clerk:** Update from Annual Town Meeting. Resolution passed to have meeting at 6pm and not 7pm.

**Road Commissioner:** Attended CPR class. Addressing plow damages throughout. Attended annual commissioners meeting. Attended county bid meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Ordinance 1-2026 Road Fund Budget for Fiscal 2026-2027**

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

Discussion

#### **Ordinance 2-2026 Town Fund Budget for Fiscal 2026-2027**

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 \$38,737.85. 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 \$3,962.62. Seconded by Trustee Seagren. Motion carried.

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

**Park Fund:** A motion was made by Trustee Crowley to approve payment of the Park Fund Bills in the amount of \$7,381.19. Seconded by Trustee Esser. 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 \$44,919.10. 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 5:47PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Gabel  
Harlem Township Clerk