

# **Winnebago Township Board of Trustees Meeting January 14, 2025**

**7:00 p.m.**

## **Winnebago Township Westfield Facility**

Supervisor Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Township officials present were Supervisor, Greg Hodges; Trustees: Dennis Cross, Ray Heeren, Craig McClure and Barry Palm; Road Commissioner, Aaron Rowley; and Clerk Sue Jansen. Assessor Paula Lutzow was absent. Guests present were Jim and Joyce King and Ernie Fuhr.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments,

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the December 10, 2024 Regular Meeting were read. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Palm. All voted aye and the minutes were approved as read.

### **Clerk's Report**

No report.

### **Financial Reports**

Supervisor Hodges read the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable Report for January 2025. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable for January 2025, seconded by Trustee Cross.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cross, Heeren, McClure, Palm and Hodges. Nay: None.

Motion approved 5-0.

Supervisor Hodges read the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Paid Report for December 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Paid for December 2024; seconded by Trustee Heeren.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Heeren, McClure, Palm, Hodges and Cross. Nay: None.

Motion approved 5-0.

Road Commissioner Rowley read the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Payable Report for January 2025. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Payable for January 2025; seconded by Trustee Palm.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: McClure, Palm, Hodges, Cross, and Heeren. Nay: None.

Motion approved 5-0.

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Roll Call Vote: Aye: Palm, Hodges, Cross, Heeren and McClure. Nay None.

Motion approved 5-0.

### **Supervisor's Comments**

Supervisor Hodges stated that the Township Officials of Winnebago County will meet at Cherry Valley Fire District Station #2, 4975 Blackhawk Rd., Rockford, IL on January 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for a light supper and to recognize currently elected officials not running for office on April 1, 2025.

He attended the meeting at the Winnebago Historical Society sponsored by Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies. It was attended by many community organizations. The Center for Governmental Studies will analyze data and report back with recommendations to grow the community.

### **Road Commissioner's Comments**

Road Commissioner Rowley stated that he had received one of the new snowplows that were ordered and has it mounted. The other plow should be coming. The certificates of deposit are up for renewal and he will be increasing the amount of the investment.

### **Assessor's Comments**

Absent.

### **Old Business**

Trustee McClure talked with Attorney Floski on January 7. The Summers Family has asked him to prepare the document for their side of things for the closing on the land purchase for the cemetery.

Greg attended a meeting of the Winnebago Cemetery Board. They have been working their way thru old files and he told them the files could be stored at the Winnebago Township Office, as they do not have an office or place for storage. He also told them the by state code the township needs to appoint the cemetery board.

### **New Business**

The last day to request an item placed on the annual meeting agenda is March 1, 2025. We will start the budget process.

Trustee Heeren made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Trustee McClure. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Sue Jansen, Winnebago Township Clerk

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Gregory Hodges, Supervisor

Approved: February 11, 2025