

Winnebago Township Board of Trustees Meeting
January 9, 2024
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 and Craig McClure; and Clerk Sue Jansen. Trustee Barry Palm, Road Commissioner Aaron Rowley, and Assessor Paula Lutzow were absent. Guest present was Bruce Johnson representing the Winnebago Cemetery Association.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting were read. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Cross. All voted aye and the minutes were approved as read.

Financial Reports

Supervisor Hodges read the Corporate and Cemetery Bills Payable Report for the General and Cemetery Funds for December 2023. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable for December 2023, seconded by Trustee Heeren.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cross, Heeren, McClure, and Hodges. Nay: None. Absent: Palm
Motion approved 4-0.

Supervisor Hodges read the Corporate and Cemetery Bills Paid Report for the General and Cemetery Funds for December 2023. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Bills Paid for December 2023; seconded by Trustee Cross.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Heeren, McClure, Hodges, and Cross. Nay: None. Absent: Palm
Motion approved 4-0.

In the absence of Road Commissioner Rowley, Supervisor Hodges read the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Payable Report for January 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Payable for January 2024; seconded by Trustee Heeren.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: McClure, Hodges, Cross, and Heeren. Nay: None. Absent: Palm.
Motion approved 4-0.

In the absence of Road Commissioner Rowley, Clerk Jansen read the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Paid Report for December 2023. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Paid for December 2023; seconded by Trustee Cross.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cross, Heeren, McClure and Hodges. Nay: None. Absent: Palm
Motion approved 4-0.

Supervisor’s Comments

Supervisor Hodges stated that we need to do some policy work. He also stated that he would like to get cell phones for township business purposes for Clerk Jansen and himself. Road Commissioner Rowley currently has a township cell phone.

Trustee McClure made a motion that the township provide cell phones for township business use for the Supervisor and Clerk positions; seconded by Trustee Heeren.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Heeren, McClure, Hodges, and Cross. Nay: None. Absent: Palm
Motion approved 4-0.

Road Commissioner’s Comments

Absent due to weather conditions requiring the removal of snow from Township Roads.

Assessor’s Comments

Absent.

Old Business

Trustee McClure reported that he had talked to Paul Summers and offered \$13,000 per acre for seven acres of land north of the cemetery for cemetery expansion. He also asked for right of first refusal to purchase additional land north of the cemetery. To his surprise Paul asked if we would consider land south of the cemetery instead. The consensus was that the township would prefer land north of the cemetery.

Bruce Johnson was present representing the Winnebago Cemetery Board. He is working on obtaining bids for mowing and trimming of the cemetery this coming mowing season.

Trustee Heeren made a motion that the \$1247 received from the sale of the Senior Citizen’s Bus be set aside to be used for donations to Vet’s Roll. Seconded by Trustee McClure.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cross, Heeren, McClure and Hodges. Nay: None. Absent: Palm
Motion approved 4-0.

Due to inclement weather conditions and absenteeism the Decennial Committee Meeting was postponed until after the February Township Meeting.

New Business

It was noted that March 1 is the last day to request items placed on the Annual Meeting Agenda.

The January 29 meeting of Winnebago Township Officials in Winnebago County is cancelled due to lack of a topical presentation.

There being no further business Trustee McClure made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Trustee Cross. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Sue Jansen, Winnebago Township Clerk
Approved: February 13, 2024

Gregory Hodges, Supervisor