

Winnebago Township Board of Trustees Meeting

May 14, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Winnebago Township Westfield Facility

Supervisor Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:30 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. There were no guests present.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 9, 2024 Budget Hearing 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.

The minutes of the April 9, 2024 Road and Bridge Budget Hearing 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.

The minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting were read. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Heeren. All voted aye and the minutes were approved as read.

Review Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 9, 2024 Annual Meeting were reviewed. They will be approved at the April 8, 2025 Annual Meeting.

Financial Reports

Supervisor Hodges read the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable Report for May 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable for May 2024, seconded by Trustee Palm.

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 April 2024.

Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Bills Paid for April 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 May 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Payable for May 2024; seconded by Trustee Cross.

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

Motion approved 5-0.

Road Commissioner Rowley read the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Paid Report for April 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Paid for April 2024; seconded by Trustee Palm.

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

Motion approved 5-0.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Hodges stated that Road Commissioner Rowley, Sue Jansen, and he attended the Winnebago County Township Officials Meeting hosted by Roscoe Township. Jerry Crabtree, Executive Director of Township Officials of Illinois was the speaker, discussing the Paid Leave for All Employees Act.

Supervisor Hodges also attended a Winnebago County Zoning Committee Meeting on solar panels. The state has taken control. Counties no longer have any authority to approve or deny solar farms.

Road Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Rowley reported that on Saturday, a concerned citizen was traveling down Weldon Road and saw a truck had backed into a field and was dumping garbage. The citizen took pictures and contacted him. He contacted the police who were able to identify and track the truck, although they did not make any arrests. The owner of the property that the debris came from, cleaned up the mess and the culprit satisfied the landowner.

Mowing started on May 13. Chip sealing may begin in June.

Martin wants to start the Weldon Road repair on Monday, but Commissioner Rowley must replace a tube first, and is planning to do that this week.

Old Business

Trustee McClure contacted Paul Summers. They want us to pay for the survey. After discussion on how to proceed, Trustee McClure made a motion that the Township get an attorney involved to proceed with the land purchase; seconded by Trustee Heeren.

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

Motion approved 5-0.

Trustee McClure stated that the cemetery looks good.

Statements of Economic Interest were due by May 1. All township officials stated that they had met the deadline.

The PTELL report provided by Winnebago County indicates that we will receive property taxes as levied.

There was no other old business.

New Business

Allied Insurance has informed Township Officials of Illinois and each township that has carried General Assistance Catastrophic Insurance that they will no longer be providing that coverage. Torma is searching for a solution.

Trustee Heeren stated that he had been informed that there is a piece of property in the township that might be available. Trustee Heeren was asked to get more information.

There being no further business Trustee Heeren made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Supervisor Hodges. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Sue Jansen, Winnebago Township Clerk

Gregory Hodges, Supervisor

Approved: June 11, 2024