

Winnebago Township Board of Trustees Meeting
November 12, 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.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Clerk's Corner

Clerk Jansen reminded everyone of the deadlines for filing the candidacy papers for the April 1, 2025 election.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 8, 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.

Financial Reports

Supervisor Hodges read the Corporate and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable Report for November 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable for November 2024; seconded by Trustee Cross.

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

Motion approved 5-0.

Supervisor Hodges read the Corporate and Cemetery Funds Bills Paid Report for October 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Paid Report for October 2024; seconded by Trustee Heeren. It was noted that the payment to Exxon Mobil for fuel and Kenneth King's wages for cemetery mowing/maintenance should have been paid out of the cemetery fund, rather than the General Account. Greg will ask Carrie, the bookkeeper, to correct.

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 November 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Payable for November 2024; seconded by Trustee Palm.

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 October 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Paid Report for October 2024; seconded by Trustee Cross.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Palm, Hodges, Cross, Heeren and McClure. Nay None. Motion approved 5-0.

Supervisor’s Comments

Supervisor Hodges stated that he received a notice from Craig Campbell regarding a Winnebago County Forest Preserve Committee Meeting, which he then attended. The committee approved on a 4-3 vote a 1-year moratorium on destroying the old stone house on the former Holt property, now part of the Severson Dells Forest Preserve. The Winnebago Historical Society will meet for their annual meeting at the Winnebago Historical Society Building in Winnebago at 6:30 tomorrow night, November 13, and Mr. Campbell will speak at the end of the meeting in an effort to gain their support as well as community support and awareness.

Road Commissioner’s Comments

Road Commissioner Rowley stated that the snow plows and salt spreaders are mounted. He is three-quarters done with the final mowing. He also stated that he contacted the Winnebago County Highway Department to offer kudos to the county employees that did an excellent job of mowing the county roadways in Winnebago Township this year. It would appear that ComEd has removed the contested billing from the road district shop electric bill. The current bill showed zero due and the past due amount that we have refused to pay did not show. However, there is no indication of how much credit we are owed.

Assessor’s Comments

Absent.

Old Business

We are ready to do the closing on the land acquisition for Winnebago Cemetery. The other property that we had inquired about on Bridgeland Road has been sold.

New Business

At the Supervisor’s recommendation, Trustee McClure made a motion to increase the stipend for Bryan Kenagy, the Winnebago Cemetery Sexton, to \$2,500 annually to be paid twice a year, effective with the new fiscal year, April 1, 2025; seconded by Trustee Palm.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Hodges, Cross, Heeren, McClure and Palm. Nay None.
Motion approved 5-0.

There being no further business Trustee Heeren made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Trustee McClure. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Sue Jansen, Winnebago Township Clerk

Gregory Hodges, Supervisor

Approved: December 10, 2024