

Winnebago Township Board of Trustees Meeting

October 8, 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. Guest present was Craig Campbell.

Public Comments

Mr. Craig Campbell informed the board that the Winnebago County Forest Preserve Commissioners are planning to demolish the Elijah Holt home in Severson Dells, a historic limestone house built in the 1800's. This was one of the first if not the first home built in Winnebago Township. Mr. Holt was one of the first settlers in the township in the 1840's. Mr. Campbell is trying to raise awareness and obtain a one-year moratorium in order to try to get funding to restore the buildings on this historic site. He noted that Winnebago County will be celebrating its 250th Centennial in 2026.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting were read. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Palm. Trustee Palm noted a correction as he was stated as having made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Paid Report and he was absent. Correction was made to list Trustee McClure as having made the motion. All voted aye and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Reports

Supervisor Hodges read the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable Report for October 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable for October 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 General and Cemetery Funds Bills Paid Report for September 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Paid for September 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 October 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Payable for October 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 September 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Paid for September 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 and Road Commissioner Rowley met with Richard Froman regarding property on Bridgeland Road.

Road Commissioner's Comments

Road Commissioner Rowley stated that we still have not received reimbursement from ComEd and he is not authorizing any work by ComEd on township easements until they have refunded the payments made due to their meter error and subsequent billing.

Assessor's Comments

Absent.

Old Business

Trustee McClure made a motion to approve Levy Ordinance 2024-2025A for Winnebago Township; seconded by Trustee Cross.

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

Trustee McClure made a motion to approve Levy Ordinance 2024-2025A for the Road District; seconded by Trustee Palm.

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

Trustee McClure touched bases with Paul Summer regarding the land purchase for the cemetery. Mrs. Summer is in agreement. The closing date is to be scheduled with Attorney Floski.

Rice Land Management has turned in their final bill for the season.

New Business

Trustee McClure made a motion to approve Resolution 2025 Salaries Setting Compensation for Township Officials of Winnebago Township for the Four-Year Term beginning May 19, 2025; seconded by Trustee Palm.

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

Rice Land Management has submitted a quote for next year's mowing of the cemetery. To mow and trim the area that they did this year they quoted \$725 per mowing. To do the whole

cemetery would be \$985.09 per mowing. The Winnebago Cemetery Board should bring us their recommendation.

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 8:25 p.m.

Sue Jansen, Winnebago Township Clerk

Gregory Hodges, Supervisor

Approved: November 12, 2024.