

# **Winnebago Township Board of Trustees Meeting September 10, 2024**

**7:30 p.m.**

## **Winnebago Township Westfield Facility**

Supervisor Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:32 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; Road Commissioner, Aaron Rowley; Assessor Paula Lutzow; and Clerk Sue Jansen. Trustee Barry Palm was absent. Guests present were Jim and Joyce King.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 13, 2024 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 General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable Report for September 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the General and Cemetery Funds Bills Payable for September 2024, seconded by Trustee Heeren.

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

Motion approved 4-0.

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

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

Motion approved 4-0.

Road Commissioner Rowley read the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Payable Report for September 2024. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Bills Payable for September 2024; seconded by Trustee Cross.

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

Motion approved 4-0.

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

Motion approved 4-0.

### **Supervisor's Comments**

No comments at this time.

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

Supervisor Rowley said that he thinks a resolution is finally coming from Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) regarding the billing error that resulted in us paying for service that should not have been billed to the township. He is refusing to sign any permits to grant permission for ComEd to dig in Winnebago Township Road Easements until the situation is resolved. He has had a lot of telephone calls. This appears to have gotten their attention.

### **Assessor's Comments**

Assessor Lutzow stated that complaints are coming in.

### **Old Business**

Supervisor Hodges and Trustee McClure met with Attorney Floski who has prepared the offer to purchase and forwarded it to Paul Summers. Trustee McClure confirmed that Mr. Summers received the correspondence from Attorney Floski.

There were no other old business updates.

### **New Business**

Trustee McClure made a motion to approve Tentative Levy Ordinance 2024-2025A for Winnebago Township; seconded by Trustee Heeren. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Trustee McClure made a motion to approve Tentative Levy Ordinance 2024-2025A for the Road District; seconded by Trustee Cross. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Supervisor Hodges made a motion to approve a salary increase of ten percent for the Township Supervisor's salary for the year beginning May 19, 2025 with a two percent increase for each of the remaining three years of the term. In addition, the Supervisor will receive \$500 annually for serving as Road District Treasurer; seconded by Trustee McClure.

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

Motion approved 4-0.

Trustee Heeren made a motion to approve a salary increase of ten percent for the Road Commissioner's salary for the year beginning May 19, 2025 with a three percent increase each of the remaining three years of the term; seconded by Trustee McClure.

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

Motion approved 4-0.

Trustee McClure made a motion that an additional three percent of the Road Commissioner's salary amount be contributed to an IRA going forward from May 19, 2025 with the Road Commissioner allowed to contribute up to the legal maximum of his salary in addition; seconded by Trustee Cross.

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

Motion approved 4-0.

Trustee McClure made a motion to increase the Township Clerk's salary by ten percent for the year beginning May 19, 2025 with a two percent annual increase for the remaining three years of the term; seconded by Trustee Cross.

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

Motion approved 4-0.

Trustee Heeren made a motion to increase the Trustee's salary amount ten percent for the year beginning May 19, 2025 with a three percent increase for each of the remaining three years of the term; seconded by Trustee McClure.

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

Motion approved 4-0.

Supervisor Hodges made a motion to hire Newkirk and Associates to audit Winnebago Township finances for the year ending March 31, 2025; seconded by Trustee McClure.

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

Motion approved 4-0.

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 motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Sue Jansen, Winnebago Township Clerk

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Gregory Hodges, Supervisor

Approved: October 8, 2024