

# **Winnebago Township Board Meeting Minutes October 13, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Township Officials was held at the Winnebago Westfield Facility on October 13, 2020 and called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Hodges.

Elected officials present were: Greg Hodges, Barry Palm, Craig McClure, Richard Johnson, Aaron Rowley, David Heeren and Sue Jansen. Absent: Paula Lutzow. Guests present were Jim and Joyce King.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Supervisor Hodges introduced the new clerk, Sue Jansen.

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Sue Jansen read the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting. Motion was made by Trustee McClure; seconded by Trustee Palm to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Sue Jansen read the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Special Meeting. Motion was made by Trustee McClure; seconded by Trustee Palm to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Sue Jansen read the minutes of the September 15, 2020 Annual Meeting. Minor corrections were noted and the minutes will be corrected and presented for approval at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Trustee McClure asked if the minutes are posted on the Library website? Supervisor Hodges will check with the Library and see if that is possible.

## **Financial Reports**

Supervisor Hodges read the financial reports as prepared by the bookkeeper as of September 2020. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the bills payable and cemetery bills payable; seconded by Trustee Heeren. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Supervisor Hodges read the General Fund, Cemetery and General Assistance Financial Reports as of September 2020. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the reports; seconded by Trustee Palm. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Road Commissioner Rowley read the Hard Road and Road and Bridge Financial Reports as of September 2020 and bills payable for October. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the reports; seconded by Trustee Palm. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

The detailed reports are attached to the official minutes.

## **Supervisor's Comments**

Supervisor Hodges discussed election packets and reminded those that are running for a new term that all documents that require being notarized, must be notarized before being turned in. He also reminded everyone

that the Statements of Economic Interest must be filed with the County Clerk's office and the receipt submitted with the petitions and other required documents.

**Road Commissioner's Comments**

Road Commissioner Rowley reported that the guard rail on Jerika Drive was repaired by Northern Contracting. He repaired a guard rail on Weldon Road in house that he thinks was clipped with a truck. He cleared a down tree on south Weldon Road and one on Hunting Woods Trail. He cleaned up the rest of the tree that went down on Weldon Road by the Prairie Path on the west side. Westfield Road was painted from Winnebago village limits to Montague Road.

**Assessor's Comments**

Not present

**Old Business:**

The Annual Meeting was held September 15, 2020.

**New Business:**

Supervisor Hodges stated that there is no reason to increase the levy other than the normal amounts.

Trustee McClure stated that the Winnebago County Forest Preserve purchased land and now owns the property on both sides of the closed part of Weldon Road. Can we turn the road over to the Winnebago County Forest Preserve so we are not responsible for repairs? The road has been closed and not maintained for a number of years and Winnebago Township does not want the liability. Trustee McClure made a motion to look in to the proper way to relinquish Weldon Road south of Montague Road to the Winnebago County Forest Preserve; seconded by Trustee Palm. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

**Adjournment.**

Trustee McClure made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Palm and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Sue Jansen Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Hodges, Supervisor

Date: November 17, 2020