

Winnebago Township Board of Trustees Meeting
January 12, 2021
7:00 pm
Winnebago Township Westfield Facility

Supervisor Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected officials present were Supervisor, Greg Hodges; Trustees - Barry Palm, Craig McClure, and Richard Johnson; Road Commissioner, Aaron Rowley; and Clerk Sue Jansen. David Heeren was absent. Assessor Lutzow was present as well as guest Jim King.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Approval of minutes

Clerk Jansen read the minutes from the December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting. Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Palm. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Financial Reports

Following the reading of the Township Bills for approval for January 2021 (payment due prior to the next meeting) Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Bills to be Paid for the General and Cemetery Funds; seconded by Trustee Palm. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Following the reading of the General Fund, General Emergency Assistance and Cemetery Fund Bills Paid Report, Trustee McClure made a motion to approve those expenditures; seconded by Trustee Johnson. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Following the reading of the Hard Road and Road and Bridge Funds Bills Paid Reports, Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road Expenditures; seconded by Trustee Palm. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Following the reading of the Road and Bridge and Permanent Hard Road Accounts Payable for January 2021, Trustee McClure made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge and Hard Road bills payable; seconded by Trustee Palm. All voted aye and motion was approved.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Hodges stated that the public hearing for the budget will be at 6:30 p.m. on the night of the regular board meeting in April, April 13, 2021. The annual meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. and the regular April meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. or immediately follow the annual meeting.

Road Commissioner's Comments

Road Commissioner Rowley shared information from Carlos Molina at the county highway department. Per Carlos the Winnebago County Highway Department needs the township to make a formal request by the board to abandon the right-of-way on the closed portion of Weldon Rd. He has talked to the planning department at the county and they are ok with this and so is the highway department. Carlos left a message with the Forest Preserve but has not heard back from them. Per Carlos the township may be responsible for having the right-of-way surveyed.

Barry Palm made a motion to move forward with the abandonment of Weldon Road south of Montague Road; seconded by Trustee McClure. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

Assessor's Comments

Assessor Lutzow stated that complaints are wrapped up and she is looking forward to next year.

Old Business

Update on closed portion of Weldon Road was included in the Road Commissioner's Comments.

Trustee McClure stated that the tree removal was completed at the cemetery. It cost more than he expected. The question was asked if we should be submitting claims to TORMA for removing downed trees at the cemetery. The stone broken by the fallen tree can be epoxied and Bryan Kenagy will repair it when the weather warms.

Trustee McClure said that he had spoken with Ken Colloton and the senior group that plays cards in the Westfield Facility is hoping that they can soon start playing cards again.

There was no other old or new business.

Mr. McClure made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Palm. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Sue Jansen, Clerk

Greg Hodges, Supervisor

Approved: February 9, 2021