Erienna Township
Minutes of September 13, 2021 Township Board Meeting

Oath to Office: Township Clerk Larry Rea gives Oath To Office to: Trustee Jeremy Bowers.
Call to Order: Supervisor Gary Bal called the regular meeting of the Erienna Township Board at 6:00 PM on September 13, 2021 at the Erienna Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Gary Bal, Jerry Kleinmaier, Tom Tesdal, and Jeremy Bowers were present. Also, in attendance were the Highway Commissioner, Mark Mann and Clara Bal 3560 W. Nettle Creek Dr. Morris, IL.

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence in remembrance of John H. Sparks former Erienna Township Trustee who recently passed. Tom Tesdal expressed Mr. Spark was extremely helpful with his business acumen while Trustee Tesdal was Supervisor for the township.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Supervisor Bal distributed the September 13, 2021 meeting minutes to the trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Tesdal made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Klienmaier. All in favor by voice vote. No Nays. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Supervisor Bal stated he intends to provide a proposed appropriation ordinance for the truth-in-taxation meeting for our review and discussion so we can be prepared for Nov/Dec meeting. The September Financial reporting requirements include Fiscal Responsibility report card, controllers report, and the annual treasurer's report. A phone call with Zabel office confirmed that they submit these reports for the township but will likely request an extension for our township due to excessive workload. Auditors' presentation should be next month.

August 2021 Financial Reports were reviewed by the Board Members. Mr. Tesdal made a motion to accept the August 2021 Financial Reports as presented. Mr. Bowers seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bowers, Kleinmaier, Tesdal, and Bal. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Bank Statements: Mr. Bal noted he did not get hard copies for 3 accounts but did print out from the online banking portal.

The Grundy Bank statements for the period ending August 31, 2021 were circulated for review by the Board members and the summary sheet was initialed by the Trustees. The statements reflected the following balances:

Township Fund:	Checking $ 36,309.92
General Assistance Fund:	Checking $ 49,541.12
Township Total:	**$85,851.04**

General Road:	Checking $ 78,384.84
Permanent Road Fund:	Checking $ 93,660.89
Joint Bridge Fund:	Checking $ 20,329.69

Insurance Fund:	Checking $ 17,279.25	
Road District Total	**$ 209,654.67**	
August 31, 2021 Total Funds:	**$ 295,505.71**	

Approval of Bills: Supervisor Bal made note that that Highway Commissioner Mann received a bill from ComEd for approx $74, but bank statement showed debt was for $36.72. Trustee Kleinmaier expressed the ComEd bill maybe for two months, which Trustee Tesdal believes they will not bill and pay monthly. Mr. Bal confirmed bill is due in October, so issue resolved.

Township Bills:

ACH- Tom Cutler	Per Diem	$ 166.23
Jeremy Bowers	Per Diem	$ 166.23
ACH- Tom Tesdal	Per Diem	$ 166.23
ACH- Jerry Kleinmaier	Per Diem	$ 166.23
ACH- Larry Rea	Per Diem	$ 166.23
ACH- Gary Bal	Per Diem	$ 166.23
Conner Greves	Annual Township Mowing	$ 1,000.00
TOI	Annual Dues	$ 336.94
Chuck's Pest Control	Fall Treatment	$ 120.00
Debt- ComEd	Building Electric	$ 81.41
Zabel	2nd Qtr Accounting	$100.00
Gary Bal	2nd Qtr Salary minus taxes	$ 2,862.85
Larry Rea	2nd Qtr Salary minus taxes	$1,062.02
Chris Dearth	Legal Fees	$358.75
	Total	**$ 6,919.35**

The bills for the August Township expenses were presented and reviewed by the Trustees. Mr. Kleinmaier made a motion to approve the bills as presented and Mr. Tesdal seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Ayes: Bowers, Kleinmaier, Tesdal, and Bal. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Road District Bills:

Zabel	2nd Qtr Accounting	$ 573.75
Mark Mann	2nd Qtr Salary minus Taxes	$ 1070.25
TOI	Random Drug Screening	$ 50.00
Debit- ComEd	Electric	$36.72
Erik Lee	Labor	$220.00
Dakota Bregar	Labor	$80.00
	Total	**$ 3,949.84**

The bills for the August Township Road District expenses were presented and reviewed by the

Trustees. Mr. Tesdal made a motion to approve, and Jeremy Bowers seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Ayes: Bowers, Kleinmaier, Tesdal, and Bal. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Approve Travel Request: None

Old Business:
Heatherfield Drainage- First review phase was completed by Lisa Clemens. Mr. Bal informed the Heatherfield HOA president and Ron Swart on this status. Supervisor Bal completed ICS for 2022 on-line. Lisa is still the contact for the remaining approval process but was not able to provide an expected completion date. Mr. Bal reached out to D construction project manager to see if we can get an easement agreement in which Heatherfield will not need a performance bond but has not heard back. Mr. Mann confirmed the project is still on D Construction's project list. In addition, Supervisor Bal will reach out to D Construction to ask if the storm drains could be extended from the road to the edge of Heatherfield's east side and connect to the sewer there versus the original plan of connecting south of the subdivision. There may be a cost savings with this change. This is only a proposal and if this plan is not accepted, we will move forward with original plan. Trustee Kleinmaier questioned if the grant is still needed to the future subdivision plan. Mr. Bal confirmed yes, the grant is needed because there is no timeline to when the proposed subdivision will be completed which could be another decade or more.
Township Building Sign- Midwest Signworks has provide proposed cost estimate of two types of signs and a rendition of the sign size, color, and placement. Mr. Bal is in favor of the more economical aluminum sign due to cost and durability. Trustee Kleinmaier and Tesdal ask if the physical address could be added to sign. Mr. Mann asked if "Road District" could be added.
Office Supplies- I plan on buying a wireless printer, copier, scanner for the township building. If Larry needs a desk, we will also purchase a desk. Progress in filing boxes of records that were turned over. Supervisor Bal plans on having the State do a records audit when we have completed this filing effort early in our term. It's my understanding that the audits are free upon request.
Exterminator-Exterminator sprayed the building inside and outside at the end of August for $120. I will schedule the next treatment in the spring of 2022.
New Business:

Notice of Second extension to the City of Morris Tax Increment Financing District 1- The Township was sent a certified letter that Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district 1 was extended 12 years by order of Governor Pritzker. The last board approved this extension in March. The extension keeps the Morris TIF in place until 2033 (see letter of notification.) The intent of TIF is stimulate local development which should help increase future tax revenue through growth of our local community. Morris and Seneca TIF's are approximately 15% of our Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). Over the last four years that would $327,889 dollars to our township if these tax revenues came to the township versus the TIF districts (see attached handout). Reviewing the projects that the money has been used for are mostly directly impacting Morris and Seneca. I would have to say based on this review I would not advocate extending either of these TIF agreements in the future since I don't see the payoff for the township. My goal for this discussion is to help the group understand where 15% of our tax revenue is going. This will be important when we do a truth-in-taxation meeting later this year with our voters. This TIF money could have gone a long way towards meeting our fiscal needs. Trustee Tesdal stated the benefit

was supposed to come after the TIF sunsets. The problem is the TIF continues to be extended and the township has not seen any benefits. Mr. Bal questioned if the TIF can be broken. The plan is to attend the meetings for Morris and Seneca and question how the TIF is improving Erienna Township.
Supervisor Report: Ryan Jacobs brought over the township trailer and is stored in building. Trailer contains all the voting machines and supporting materials for Nettle Creek and Erienna Township elections. Trailer however has outdated license plate that needs to be renewed. Will take action to see what we need to do to get plate renewed. Mr. Mann asked if we do have the tile, which Mr. Bal confirmed we do. Mr. Kleinmaier asked if the Township owns, which Mr. Bal answered yes. Mr. Tesdal stated the original agreement was that Erienna purchased, and Nettle Creek would store. Supervisor Bal stated that he has a copy from the prior board that states Erienna would store the trailer once the township building was constructed.
Found a requirement from 2018 for and annual electronic training requirement for FOIA and OPEN meetings act designee. Checked with TOI and they said the requirements is still valid but the training which was provided through the Secretary of State is not available because the site was hacked last year and has not been reestablished. Mr. Bal and Clerk Rea should complete this training when it's available.
Trustees: Mr. Klienmaier noted there has been a lot of building in Nettle Creek Country Club the past two years

Highway Commissioner: The storm in late August caused excess tree damage. Supervisor Bal complimented Mark's Team on getting the damage cleaned up promptly. Also, the storm caused the township building to lose power and the shop doors had to be opened manually. The landscape around the building has started.

Adjournment: Next board meeting will take place on Monday October 11, 2021 6:00 PM at Erienna Township Hall.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM on a motion by Jerry Kleinmaier and Seconded by Tom Tesdal. All Ayes, No Nays. Motion Carried

Erienna Township Clerk
Larry Rea