Erienna Township

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 23rd, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor, Larry Rea, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on 6/23/25 at the Erienna Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Gary Bal, Larry Rea, Tom Cutler, Tom Tesdal, Jerry Kleinmaier, & Mark Mann were Present. Pete Brummel was absent. Abby Rea was in attendance to assist in taking minutes due to Brummel's absence.

Public Comment: No one from the public was in attendance.

Approval of the prior month's minutes: Mr. Rea distributed the May 2025 Meeting Minutes to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Bal moved to approve the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Cutler. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Reports: Mr. Rea distributed the May Financial Reports. Mr. Tesdal moved to approve the May Financial Reports as presented; second by Mr. Bal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Bal, Tesdal, Cutler, & Kleinmaier. Nayes: None. Motion Passed.

Bank Statements: Supervisor Rea distributed the May 2025 Township and Road District Bank Statements. Supervisor Rea noted that one Certificate of Deposit matured on June 5th and it was renewed. Mr. Bal made a motion to accept the May Bank Statements; second by Mr. Tesdal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Bal, Tesdal, Cutler, & Kleinmaier. Nayes: None. Motion Passed.

	Checking:	**CD:**	**Total:**
Township Funds	$ 107,817.38	$ 51,009.74	$ 158,827.12
General Assistance Fund	$ 20,945.65	$ 16,552.64	$ 37,498.29
Heatherfield Grant	$ -	$ -	
Township Totals:	$ -	$ -	$ 196,325.41
Road District:			
General Road	$ 267,960.48	$ -	$267,960.48
Permanent Road Fund	$ 122,603.83	$ 55,010.58	$177,614.41
Joint Bridge Fund	$ 71,647.57	$ 27,484.33	$99,131.90
Insurance Fund	$ 3,593.98	$ 11,002.12	$14,596.10
Road District Totals:			$559,302.89
ALL FUNDS TOTALS:			$ 755,628.30

Approval of Bills:

Township Bills:

ACH – Tom Cutler	Per diem w/ 7.65% withheld	$184.70
ACH – Pete Brummel	Per diem w/ 7.65% withheld	$184.70
ACH – Tom Tesdal	Per diem w/ 7.65% withheld	$184.70
ACH – Jerry Kleinmaier	Per diem w/ 7.65% withheld	$184.70
ACH – Larry Rea	Per diem w/ 7.65% withheld	$184.70
ACH – Gary Bal	Per diem w/ 7.65% withheld	$184.70
Debit – Quill	Office Supplies	$ 76.49
ACH – Joe Martin & Assoc.	Quarterly Accounting Services	$205.49
Dearth Law Office	Legal Services	$ 55.00
TORIMA	Insurance	$2,285.00
McGrath Office Equipment	Storage Cabinet	$1,075.00
Debit – Walmart	Vacuum	$199.75
Debit - Com Ed	Electric Utilities	$188.51
Gary Bal	Partial Quarterly Salary	$1,588.66
Debit – Arthur Agency	Web Page	$ 69.99
Total Township Bills		**$6,852.09**

The May 2025 Township expenses were presented, reviewed, and signed by the Trustees. Mr. Cutler made a motion to approve the May bills as presented; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Cutler, Tesdal, Bal & Kleinmaier. Nays: None

Road District Bills

Dibble	Propane	$898.07
Feece Oil	Fuel	$1,056.60
Blue Cardinal Chemical	Shop Supplies	$632.58
TORIMA	Insurance	$7,648.00
Grundy Bank	Stop Check Fee (Feece #1541)	$ 32.00
Joe Martin & Associates	Quarterly Accounting Services	$200.00
Debit – Republic Services	Dumpster w/ past due charge	$ 61.00
Stott Contracting, LLC	Core out & stone Twp Lot	$8,325.00
Total Road District Bills		**$18,893.25**

The May Township Road District expenses were presented, reviewed, and signed by the Trustees. Mr. Cutler made a motion to approve the May bills; second by Mr. Bal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Cutler, Tesdal, Bal, & Kleinmaier. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Approved Travel / Training Requests: Supervisor Rea commented that he had participated in a Supervisor Training done remotely. Mr. Tesdal mentioned that Clerk Brummel may also want to participate in training for his new position.

Old Business: Mr. Bal brought up the HB 5050 which would dissolve the Road Districts in Illinois. Brief discussion followed, but no further action was taken at this time.

New Business: Supervisor Rea presented the Final 2025/2026 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Erienna Township. He said the only change from the tentative copy was an increase of $5,000 for Catastrophic Insurance. Mr. Tesdal made a motion to approve the tentative ordinance; second by Mr. Bal. Voice Vote: Ayes were unanimous. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor Rea presented the tentative 2025/2026 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Erienna Township Road District. He said there were no changes from the tentative copy. Mr. Bal made a motion to approve the Final Ordinance; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. Voice Vote: Ayes were unanimous. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor Rea said he had reached out to Brandt & Associates to get a quote for completing the 2004/2005 Fiscal Year End Audit and is waiting to hear back from the firm.

Reports:

Supervisor – Supervisor Rea commented on a Thank You sent from the YMCA for Erienna Townships donation. He also had received a letter from Dearth Law Office informing the Township of his hourly rate increase. Lastly, he indicated that he had received a FOIA request from Katy Smyser who is an investigative reporter with NBC. Supervisor Rea contacted both our Township Attorney, Chris Dearth, and TOI for legal advice. TOI advised Rea multiple townships had received a similar request from Smyser. The request (considered Commercial as she is a paid reporter) was answered by sending her a copy of Erienna Township's Budget & Appropriation Ordinance.

Trustees – Mr. Tesdal brought up a concern for some current Federal Budget Negotiations that could have negative impact for local agencies and the Townships General Assistance Funds. The concern is budget cuts for the SNAP Ed and Heating Assistance programs.

Highway Commissioner – None

Upcoming Dates:	**June 30**	**Budget Approval Deadline**
	July 30	**Certification of Budget Deadline**
	September 25	**Annual Financial Report Deadline**
	September 26	**Financial Responsibility Report Card Deadline**
	September 30	**Annual Treasurers Report for Road Districts**

Adjournment:

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will take place on July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Erienna Township Hall. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. on a motion to adjourn by Mr. Bal; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. Voice Vote: Ayes were unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Brummel, Erienna Township Clerk