Erienna Township

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 11th, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor, Larry Rea, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on 8/11/25 at the Erienna Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Larry Rea, Pete Brummel, Gary Bal, Tom Cutler, Tom Tesdal, Jerry Kleinmaier, & Mark Mann were Present. No one was absent.

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

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

Financial Reports: Mr. Rea distributed the July Financial Reports. Mr. Rea indicated that the County Treasurer had made the 1st 2025 distributions to the taxing districts. Mr. Bal moved to approve the July 31, 2025 Financial Reports as presented; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Bal, Tesdal, Cutler, & Kleinmaier. Nayes: None. Motion Passed.

Bank Statements: Supervisor Rea distributed the July 2025 Township and Road District Bank Statements. Mr. Tesdal made a motion to accept the July Bank Statements; second by Mr. Cutler. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Bal, Tesdal, Cutler, & Kleinmaier. Nayes: None. Motion Passed.

	Checking:	**CD:**	**Total:**
Township Funds	$ 148,162.77	$ 51,328.37	$ 199,491.14
General Assistance Fund	$ 18,736.53	$ 16,660.87	$ 35,397.40
Heatherfield Grant	$ -	$ -	
Township Totals:	$ -	$ -	$ 234,888.54
Road District:			
General Road	$ 316,512.06	$ -	$316,512.06
Permanent Road Fund	$ 122,162.59	$ 55,370.28	$177,532.87
Joint Bridge Fund	$ 76,968.63	$ 27,664.05	$104,632.68
Insurance Fund	$ 8,084.79	$ 11,037.44	$19,122.23
Road District Totals:			$617,799.84
ALL FUNDS TOTALS:			$ 852,688.38

Approval of Bills:

Township Bills:

ACH – Tom Cutler	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
Dearth Law Office	Legal Services	$587.50
Debit - Com Ed	Electric Utilities	$162.00
D & I Electronics	Security System	$206.94
ACH - IRS	2nd Quarter Payroll Taxes	$1,975.47
Debit-Arthur Agency	Web Page -April	$ 69.99
Debit-Arthur Agency	Web Page - June	$ 69.99
Debit-Arthur Agency	Web Page - July	$ 69.99
Total Township Bills		**$ 4,065.38**

The July 2025 Township expenses were presented, reviewed, and signed by the Trustees. Mr. Rea indicated that Arthur Agency had an incorrect address, thus why Township is paying 3-months of bills. No late fees were assessed. Mr. Bal made a motion to approve the July bills as presented; second by Mr. Tesdal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Cutler, Tesdal, Bal & Kleinmaier. Nays: None

Road District Bills

Joe Kern	Lawn Maintenance	$160.00

Jared Lee	Plowing & Salting	$400.00
Dakota Berger	Plowing & Salting	$460.00
Billie Rix	Plowing & Salting	$240.00
Denler, Inc	Crack Filling	$17,586.70
Stott Contracting, LLC	Vacuum & Repair	$3,640.00
Debit – Republic Services	Dumpster charge	$ 67.71

Total Road District Bills **$22,554.41**

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

Approved Travel / Training Requests: None

Old Business: Mr. Rea brought up the HB 5050 which would dissolve the Road Districts in Illinois. Brief discussion followed, but no new information to share at this time.

Supervisor Rea indicated he received the quote for the 2024/2025 Financial Statement Audit from Brandt & Associates. The price quote is $5,350. Mr. Tesdal made a motion authorizing Mr. Rea to sign the engagement letter for the audit to be completed by Brandt & Associates. Mr. Bal seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Cutler, Tesdal, Bal, & Kleinmaier. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Mr. Rea responded to the question posed by Trustee Tesdal at last month's meeting about being able to charge for responses to FOIA Requests. He said you can charge $.15 per page after the 1st 50-pages. He said that both he and Town Clerk Brummel had completed the on-line training modules for FOIA and Open Meetings Act sponsored by the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General. Supervisor Rea then suggested that he will serve as the FOIA Officer for Erienna Township and Town Clerk Brummel could serve as the Alternate. Trustee Kleinmaier moved to codify this by approving the FOIA Resolution that was presented & discussed at the July board meeting. Mr. Cutler seconded the motion. A voice vote followed with unanimous support.

Each Trustee needs to complete the FOIA Training as soon as possible if they have not already done so during their term on the Township Board.

New Business: Supervisor Rea presented the Fiscal 2025/2026 Budget & Appropriation vs. Receipts & Expenditures through July 2025 for Erienna Township. He reiterated that the Township had received the 1st installment of tax monies from the Grundy County Treasurer in July.

Supervisor Rea also mentioned that the tax levy is due to the County in December.

Reports:

Supervisor – Supervisor Rea said that he and Trustee Tesdal had recently met with Eric Fisher, Executive Director of We Care of Grundy County. The discussion evolved around using the We Care Organization to assist with any General Assistance Requests made to the Township. Fisher is very receptive to this as they are all set up to handle requests, and some level of compensation will need to be explored in exchange for their services. This will be investigated, discussed with counsel, and be brought back for further discussion / action with the board.

Trustees – None

Highway Commissioner – None

Upcoming Dates:	**September 25**	**Last day to file Annual Financial Report**
	September 25	**Financial Responsibility Report Card due**
	September 30	**Combined Twp & Road Dist. Treasurers Report due**

Adjournment:

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will take place on September 8th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Erienna Township Hall. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. on a motion to adjourn by Mr. Kleinmaier; second by Mr. Bal. Voice Vote: Ayes were unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Brummel, Erienna Township Clerk