Erienna Township

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8th, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor, Larry Rea, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on 9/8/25 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: One individual from the public was in attendance, Colin Duesing. Colin was asked to introduce himself and he asked for a few minutes to explain why he came to the Board Meeting. He is part of a modern-day treasure hunt game known as geocaching. A hidden physical container found using GPS coordinates is sought after by participants. The caches contain a logbook for visitors to sign, and often small tradable items. Mr. Duesing asked if the Township would allow for one of the games destinations to be on its property, as often public / municipal locations are used. Potential liability is a concern discussed and where the cache could be hidden without having visitors get too far into the township's property. The trustees will move to approve or not allow at the October meeting. Mr. Duesing left the meeting following this discussion.

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

Financial Reports: Mr. Rea distributed the August Financial Reports. Mr. Bal had questioned a Road & Bridge Expense line item 06-45-511 that was over the budgeted allowance, and Mr. Rea explained that the expense was found to be misclassified and has been corrected eliminating the over budget issue. Accountant, Kady Patterson, issue an email as to her finding. Mr. Tesdal moved to approve the August 31, 2025 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 August 2025 Township and Road District Bank Statements. Mr. Rea said 4-Certificate of Deposits matured in late August and September, and he rolled each of them into 26-week certificates at 3.70%. Mr. Bal made a motion to accept the August Bank Statements; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Bal, Tesdal, Cutler, & Kleinmaier. Nayes: None. Motion Passed.

	Checking:	CD:	Total:
Township Funds	$ 154,851.72	$ 51,489.91	$ 206,341.63
General Assistance Fund	$ 18,439.68	$ 16,714.50	$ 35,154.18
Heatherfield Grant	$ -	$ -	
Township Totals:	$ -	$ -	$ 241,495.81
Road District:			
General Road	$ 327,109.79	$ -	$327,109.79
Permanent Road Fund	$ 136,384.09	$ 55,557.98	$191,942.07
Joint Bridge Fund	$ 80,238.81	$ 27,755.83	$107,994.64
Insurance Fund	$ 8,852.33	$ 11,110.80	$19,963.13
Road District Totals:			$647,009.63
ALL FUNDS TOTALS:			$ 888,505.44

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
ACH – Pete Brummel	Per diem w/ 7.65% withheld	$184.70
ACH – Pete Brummel	July Per diem w/ 7.65% withheld	$184.70
Media Net Wifi	Annual Wifi Service	$354.24
TOI	Annual Member Dues	$389.31
Chris Dearth	Legal Fees	$646.25
Joe Martin & Associates	2nd Qtr. Accounting Services	$205.49
Debit - Com Ed	July Electric Bill	$149.52
Debit – Arthur Agency	Web page - August	$69.99
Total Township Bills		**$ 3,107.70**

The August 2025 Township expenses were presented, reviewed, and signed by the Trustees. Mr. Rea indicated that he had missed Pete's July Per diem in last month's bills, thus included in this month's bills. Mr. Bal made a motion to approve the August bills as presented; second by Mr. Tesdal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Cutler, Tesdal, Bal & Kleinmaier. Nays: None

Road District Bills

Com Ed	July Electric Bill	$ 23.29
Joe Martin & Associates	2nd Qtr. Accounting Services	$200.00
Debit – Republic Services	Dumpster charge	$ 67.71

Total Road District Bills **$291.00**

The August Township Road District expenses were presented, reviewed, and signed by the Trustees. Mr. Bal made a motion to approve the August bills; second by Mr. Tesdal. 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 forwarded all requested information for the 2024/2025 Financial Statement Audit to Brandt & Associates. He said Brandt had the Extension Letter prepared for the audit and Martin & Associates will be extending the due date of the Annual Financial Report.

Reminder: 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 August 2025 for Erienna Township. He reiterated that the misclassified expenditure had been corrected.

Supervisor Rea also mentioned that the tax levy is due to the County in December, and that his intention to stay at, or below, the 5% level for both the Town & Road & Bridge District to avoid a referendum. Mr. Bal agreed, but expressed concern about the GAF if claims were made. Rigorous discussion ensued which led directly into the next agenda item of the Ordinance authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Erienna Township and We Care of Grundy County. Mr. Tesdal & Mr. Rea had met with Eric Fisher of We Care of Grundy County, and for an annual contribution of $3,000 the organization will handle the administrative task for GAF applicants to Erienna Township. Larry worked with our attorney, Chris Dearth, to prepare the Ordinance and the Intergovernmental Agreement. The drafts were distributed to the trustees' days ahead of the meeting for review. After extensive discussion, Mr. Tesdal made a motion to approve the Ordinance No. 2025-09-08 Authorizing the Execution of the Erienna Township and We Care of Grundy County Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Bal seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote followed: Ayes: Rea, Bal, Tesdal, Kleinmaier, & Cutler. Nayes: None. Motion Passed.

Reports:

Supervisor – Supervisor Rea said that he and Highway Commissioner, Mann had recently met with Tyer, a Representative with TOIRMA. Tyler conducted an inspection of the Erienna Township facilities and was very complimentary, especially of the high-risk areas. A few recommendations will be followed up on by Highway Commissioner, Mark.

Mr. Rea also said that TOI is asking townships to pass a resolution supporting the United States of America on its 250th Birthday in 2026. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

Trustees – None

Highway Commissioner – Mr. Mann reported that he will be making a few purchases to comply with the TOIRMA Inspection. Nothing major. He also will be posting some speed limit signs in Nettle Creek Subdivision to maintain slower speeds. Finally, Mark does not plan to need to purchase any salt for this winter as the inventory on hand will most likely be sufficient.

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 October 13th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Erienna Township Hall. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 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