Erienna Township

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 13th, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor, Larry Rea, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on 10/13/25 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 September 2025 Meeting Minutes to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Tesdal moved to approve the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Reports: Mr. Rea distributed the September Financial Reports. Mr. Rea indicated that both the Township and Road District showed net income for the month and YTD as the majority of the Grundy County Treasurer's funds have been dispersed. Mr. Bal moved to approve the September 30, 2025 Financial Reports as presented; second by Mr. Tesdal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Bal, Tesdal, Cutler, & Kleinmaier. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Bank Statements: Supervisor Rea distributed the September 2025 Township and Road District Bank Statements. Mr. Rea said 3-Certificate of Deposits matured in September, and he rolled each of them into 26-week certificates at 3.70%. Mr. Kleinmaier made a motion to accept the September Bank Statements; second by Mr. Bal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rea, Bal, Tesdal, Cutler, & Kleinmaier. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

	Checking:	CD:	Total:
Township Funds	$ 167,496.83	$ 51,646.73	$ 219,143.56
General Assistance Fund	$ 18,523.13	$ 16,765.41	$ 35,288.54
Heatherfield Grant	$ -	$ -	
Township Totals:	$ -	$ -	$ 254,432.10
Road District:			
General Road	$ 354,575.01	$ -	$354,575.01
Permanent Road Fund	$ 172,154.33	$ 55,726.23	$227,880.56
Joint Bridge Fund	$ 88,877.24	$ 27,841.89	$116,719.13
Insurance Fund	$ 10,929.10	$ 11,145.25	$22,074.35
Road District Totals:			$721,249.05
ALL FUNDS TOTALS:			$ 975,681.15

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
Mcaffee	Computer Security	$128.69
We Care	Administrative Fee	$3,000.00
Chris Dearth	Legal Fees	$587.50
Debit - Com Ed	August Electric Bill	$153.65
Debit – Arthur Agency	Web page - September	$69.99
ACH – Mark Mann	2nd Qtr. Highway Com. Salary	$4,155.75
ACH – Larry Rea	2nd Qtr. Supervisor Salary	$3,961.82
ACH – Pete Brummel	2nd Qtr. Clerk Salary	$2,172.53

	Total Township Bills	**$15,338.13**

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

Road District Bills

Com Ed	June Electric Bill	$ 46.08
Ewing Safety & Industrial	Sign Fasteners – N.C. Sub.	$ 405.60
Ewing Safety & Industrial	Sign for N.C. Sub.	$2,438.10
Joe Kern	Yard Maintenance 7/21 – 9/21/25	$ 380.00
M & M Landscape	Heatherfield Yard Renovation	$5,804.00
Debit – Republic Services	Dumpster charge	$ 67.71
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Com Ed	July Electric Bill	$ 22.82
	Total Road District Bills	**$9,232.02**

The September Township Road District expenses were presented, reviewed, and signed by the Trustees. Mr. Kleinmaier questioned the Heatherfield Yard Renovation bill and wondered if that was D-Construction's responsibility. It was explained that the Township was responsible for this as part of the overall negotiations with D-Construction a year or two back. Mr. Bal made a motion to approve the September bills; second by Mr. Cutler. 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.

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 said the TOI backed Resolution for Erienna Township's support of the Illinois America 250-year Commemoration is available as Resolution No. 2025-10-13 to vote on. Brief discussion took place. Mr. Tesdal made the motion to approve Erienna Township to issue the resolution, and Mr. Bal seconded the motion. A voice vote followed with all members voting Aye, and no Nays.

Mr. Rea said he had sent out the information that Colin Duesing had forwarded to him for the Geocache location at Erienna Township property. He had presented at the September Meeting. After researching the "game" it was found to be a very popular, and Erienna Township would be part of the "Battle of Bennington" search. They cache to be placed at the Township property would be in the tree in front of the hall and it would be limited to daylight hours only. None of the trustees felt there is any undo liability to the township so Mr. Rea asked for a motion to approve the Townships participation in the event. Mr. Bal made the motion, and Mr. Tesdal seconded the motion. A voice vote followed and all members voted "aye, and no "nays".

Supervisor Rea had sent out ahead of the meeting the 2026 – 2027 Tentative Tax Levy for both the Township and Road and Bridge District. He mentioned that the final tax levy is due to the County in December, and having a tentative levy to review well ahead of the due date is important. He indicated the movement of some monies between the different expense items, and that the Township is calling for about a 4.7% increase in tax revenues. Mr. Rea said he is trying to beef up the GAF accounts to cover the Intergovernmental Agreement with We Care of Grundy County, which has been fully executed, and the catastrophic insurance. Mr. Bal moved to approve the Tentative Levy, Mr. Kleinmaier seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed: Ayes – Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler, & Rea. Nays – none.

Supervisor Rea followed this with discussion of the 2026 – 2027 Tentative Tax levy for the Road & Bridge District. The levy calls for about a 4.7% increase over the current year's tax revenues. There are some small adjustments to some line items. Mr. Rea said that he and Mr. Mann discussed the budget and both are in agreement with it. Comments about the costs extended toward Heatherfield Subdivision improvements ensued, and Mr. Mann reported that over the past 1.5-years, $459.8K has been spent, and that the improvements are finally complete. Mr. Bal moved to approve the levy & Mr. Cutler seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote followed: Ayes: Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler & Rea. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Reports:

Supervisor – Supervisor Rea reiterated that the Intergovernmental Agreement was signed by We Care of Grundy County, and is in full force at this time.

Trustees – None

Highway Commissioner – Mr. Mann reported that he will be making the purchase of a 2001 International Diesel Truck to plow snow. It comes with a snow plow and the cost is $30K of which there is proper funds in the appropriations. Only 53,000 miles. He will maintain the existing fleet.

Upcoming Dates:	**December 10, 2025**	**Approve Township & Road Dist. Tax Levy**
	December 30, 2025	**Last day to file Township & Road Dist. Tax Levy**

Adjournment: The next Board of Trustees Meeting will take place on November 10th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Erienna Township Hall. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on a motion to adjourn by Mr. Bal; second by Mr. Tesdal. A Voice Vote followed: Ayes were unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Brummel, Erienna Township Clerk