Erienna Township

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9th, 2026

Call to Order: Supervisor, Larry Rea, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on 3/9/26 at the Erienna Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor, Larry Rea, Town Clerk Pete Brummel, Trustees: Tom Tesdal, Gary Bal, Jerry Kleinmaier, & Tom Cutler, Highway Commissioner, Mark Mann. No absentees.

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

Approval of the prior month's minutes: Mr. Rea distributed the February 2026 Meeting Minutes to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Tesdal moved to approve the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Cutler. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Reports: Mr. Rea distributed the February 28, 2026 Financial Reports. He mad mention that the Township had received a $1,310 Dividend from TOIRMA and $301 of it gets credited to the Township and $1,009 gets credited to the Road & Bridge District. Mr. Bal moved to approve the February 28, 2026 Financial Reports as presented; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler, & Rea. Nayes: None. Motion Passed.

Bank Statements: Supervisor Rea distributed the February 28, 2026 Township and Road District Bank Statements. One Certificate of Deposit matured in February with General Assistance Funds, and the CD was renewed for 26 weeks at 3.25%. He also indicated that 3 Certificates are maturing in March and it is his intentions to renew those for 6-months at 3.25%. Mr. Bal made a motion to accept the February 28th, 2026 Bank Statements; second by Mr. Cutler. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler, & Rea. Nayes: None. Motion Passed.

	Checking:	CD:	Total:
Township Funds	$168,236.54	$52,393.36	$220,629.90
General Assistance Fund	$ 15,492.86	$17,020.42	$ 32,513.28
Heatherfield Grant	$ -	$ -	
Township Totals:	$ -	$ -	$253,143.18
Road District:			
General Road	$327,868.13	$ -	$327,868.13
Permanent Road Fund	$184,330.10	$56,585.73	$240,915.83
Joint Bridge Fund	$ 93,987.18	$28,271.33	$122,258.51
Insurance Fund	$ 12,774.82	$11,317.15	$ 24,091.97
Road District Totals:			$715,134.44
ALL FUNDS TOTALS:			$968,277.62

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
Chris Dearth	Legal Services	$ 411.25
Joe Martin & Associates	Accounting Services	$ 356.20
Dibble Enterprises	Propane	$ 1,254.58
Brandt & Associates	50% of Audit Fee	$ 2,675.00
ComEd	December '25 Electric Bill	$ 241.11
TOI	2026 Law & Duties Handbook	$ 40.00
Adams	Annual Generator Maintenance	$ 309.00
Debit – Arthur Agency	Web Page	$ 69.99
Total Township Bills		$ 6,465.33

The March 2026 Township expenses were presented, reviewed, and signed by the Trustees. Mr. Tesdal made a motion to approve the March bills as presented; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler, & Rea. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Road District Bills:

Joe Martin & Associates	Accounting Services	$	337.50
Dylan Mann	Jan. Snowplowing	$	480.00
Blue Cardinal Chemical	Shop Supplies	$	389.70
Kindlespire's Auto Supply	Truck parts	$	146.94
Debit – Republic Services	Dumpster	$	67.71
Clauss Specialties	Plow Parts	$	95.39
Township Commissioners	Annual Dues	$	85.00
Total Road District Bills		$	1,602.24

The March 2026 Township Road District expenses were presented, reviewed, and signed by the Trustees. Mr. Bal made a motion to approve the March bills; second by Mr. Tesdal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler, & Rea. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Approved Travel / Training Requests: None

Old Business:

HB 5050: No new information concerning this legislation.

Audit Report & AFR for FYE 3/31/25: Supervisor Rea reported that the Audit and AFR had been filed through Joe Martin's Office. He also stopped by Brandt & Associates to pay the Audit Fee and it was agreed upon to pay 50% now and then once all of the past due filing fees are known, then subtract them from the remaining 50% of Brandt's fees still owed. Not sure when we will know the total of the late charges.

New Business:

Set Township Meeting dates for 2026 / 2027 fiscal year: Supervisor Rea suggested the 2nd Monday of each month for the Regular Monthly Meetings for Erienna Township with the exception of the April meeting being on Tuesday the 14 following the Annual Meeting and in June to be held on the 3rd Monday, the 15th (See Attachment with full years dates). Mr. Cutler Moved to approve the 2026 / 2027 Meeting Dates. Mr. Kleinmaier seconded the motion. Voice Vote followed with all "Ayes" and no "Nayes". Motion Passed.

Determine Annual Township Meeting Date & Time: Mr. Rea indicated that the Annual Meeting for Erienna Township will be on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Approval of the Moderator Fee for the Annual Meeting: Mr. Culter move to set the Moderator fee for the April 14th Annual Meeting at $25. Mr. Bal seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote.

Approve the Agenda for the Annual Meeting: Mr. Rea presented an agenda for the April 14th Annual Meeting. Following some discussion regarding agenda item to transfer funds from the Township Fund to the General Assistance Fund, Mr. Bal moved to approve the proposed agenda and Mr. Cutler seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote followed. Voting " Aye" were Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler, and Rea. Voting "Naye" None. Motion Passed.

Key Upcoming Events / Dates:

i.) 3/17/26 – Primary Election Day
ii.) 3/31/26 – Last day to request agenda items for the Annual Meeting
iii.) 3/30/26 – Board adopts the Annual Meeting Agenda
iv.) 3/30/26 – Annual Meeting Agenda must be posted (3 Public Places)
v.) 3/31/26 – Township Fiscal Year End
vi.) 4/1/26 – Township New Fiscal Year Begins
vii.) 4/14/26 – Fiscal Year Annual Meeting (Suggest Annual Mtg date before Twp Mtg)
viii.) 4/30/26 – District Treasurer's Report

Reports:

Supervisor:

- Supervisor Rea reported that he plans to reach out to Chris Dearth to serve as the Township's TIF Officer.

- He also reached out to the Grundy County assessor's Office to see when the final EAV will be available and he found out that final valuations will be mailed out on Friday, March 13th.
- He said we had received a letter for the Illinois Department of Commerce stating that we are in compliance with our grant agreement. We must continue to maintain all records surrounding the grant as per Part V of the agreement.
- Rea reminded all members of the Board that the statement of Economic Interest must be completed and turned in to the County Recorder's Office no later than Monday, May 4th, 2026. The Recorder' Office encourages completing it online, but paper forms can be accepted.

Trustees:

- Trustee Bal followed up on the Hit-and-run incident that occurred on February 8th in Nettle Creek Subdivision. Perpetrator was recently caught by authorities, and was working as a delivery person. The Nettle Creek HOA is considering different remedies to slow traffic down through the subdivision. Township has posted speed limits, but to establish Stop Sign locations, it must be approved by the County.

Highway Commissioner:

- Highway Commissioner Mann reported the boiler parts are difficult to come by for the boiler in the shop area. He is working with Tom Barry of Barry Plumbing to repair in the most economical manner.

Adjournment:

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. or immediately following the 6:00 Annual Meeting at Erienna Township Hall. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion to adjourn by Mr. Tesdal; second by Mr. Bal. Voice Vote: Ayes were unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Brummel, Erienna Township Clerk