Erienna Township

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14th, 2026

Call to Order: Supervisor, Larry Rea, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on 9/14/26 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.

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

Approval of the prior month's minutes: Mr. Rea distributed the August 10th, 2026 Regular Monthly 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 31, 2026 Financial Reports. He noted that the total equity of the Township is $1,157,981.98, and that both the Township and Road District showed positive Net Income for the month of August and YTD as additional disbursements of tax revenue has been received from the County Treasurer during the month. Mr. Tesdal moved to approve the August 31, 2026 Financial Reports as presented; second by Mr. Bal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler, & Rea. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Bank Statements: Supervisor Rea distributed the August 31, 2026 Township and Road District Bank Statements. Rea said he had renewed two CDARS Certificates of Deposit during the month, both for 6 months at 3.25%. Rea also had distributed the deposit collateralization statement that shows the deposits in excess of the FDIC insurance levels having securities pledged by Grundy Bank. Mr. Bal made a motion to accept the July 31, 2026 Bank Statements; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler, & Rea. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

	Checking:	CD:	Total:
Township Funds	$ 180,955.12	$ 53,265.70	$ 234,220.82
General Assistance Fund	$ 35,324.41	$ 17,301.55	$ 52,625.96
Heatherfield Grant	$ -	$ -	
Township Totals:	$ -	$ -	$ 286,846.78
Road District:			
General Road	$ 399,066.24	$ -	$ 399,066.24
Permanent Road Fund	$ 247,058.69	$ 57,528.20	$ 304,586.89
Joint Bridge Fund	$ 117,171.65	$ 28,742.20	$ 145,913.85
Insurance Fund	$ 10,507.06	$ 11,505.64	$ 22,012.70
Road District Totals:			$ 871,579.68
ALL FUNDS TOTALS:			$ 1,158,426.46

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
Media Wifi	Annual Wifi Service	$ 354.24
Joe Martin	Qtr. Accounting Service	$ 230.49
Illinois Office of State Fire Mar.	Boiler Inspection Certificate	$ 70.00
ComEd	June Electric	$ 135.19
Debit - Arthur Agency	Web Page	$ 69.99
Total Township Bills		$ 1,968.11

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

Road District Bills:

Joe Kern	Building Lawn Maintenance	$	320.00
Miller Tree Services	Storm Damage Clean-up NCCC	$	5,700.00
M&M Landscape	Guardrail maintenance	$	1,307.00
Com Ed	June Electric	$	37.36
Joe Martin & Associates	Qtr. Accounting Services	$	225.00
Debit – Republic Services	Dumpster	$	75.16
Denler, Inc	Crack Fill on Asphalt Roads	$	8,584.95
Total Road District Bills		$	16,249.47

The September 2026 Township Road District expenses were presented, reviewed, and signed by the Trustees. Highway Commissioner Mann commented on the payment to Denler for the crack fill on all of the asphalt roads in the township. Mr. Tesdal made a motion to approve the September Road District bills; second by Mr. Bal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tesdal, Bal, Kleinmaier, Cutler, & Rea. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Approved Travel / Training Requests: None

Old Business:

HB 5050: Supervisor Rea mentioned that he had not yet received his September Perspective Magazine and has not heard anything new on the HB 5050 front as he thought the legislature may not be in session.

City of Morris Joint Review Board TIF District 1 Recap: Mr. Rea commented on the meeting held on 8/8/26 at the City of Morris Administrative Building. Both he and Clerk Brummel

attended, and the Township was one of only two other taxing bodies represented. Mayor Brown said he was very pleased with the TIF and the funds have helped with the construction of new public improvements including the new City Hall, environmental cleanup of the public landfill, and encouraged private redevelopment. The TIF will expire in 2033 payable in 2034.

New Business:

Audit Report & AFR for FYE 3/31/26: Supervisor Rea reported that he received an email earlier on this day from Dustin Manietta with Mack & Associates. In the email, Dustin indicated that they need a few more days to complete the audit and AFR, and, unfortunately, they will not be ready for review with the Board of Trustees this evening. Because the Township does not have another meeting between now and the filing deadlines, they believe the best course of action is to allow them to complete and file the audit & AFR before the 9/30 & 9/26 deadlines, then present them to the Board of Trustees at the October meeting date. If the Board identifies any items requiring revision at that time, Mack & Associates can submit an amended audit or AFR. The Board would approve the audit & AFR after the review at the October meeting.

This recommendation from Mack & Associates triggered a great deal of conversation about whether to ask Mack & Associates to file for an extension or to adhere to their recommended plan. Mr. Bal made a motion to allow Mack and Associates to file the reports within the filing deadlines and to then approve the audit and AFR at the next Board Meeting (October). Mr. Tesdal seconded the motion. A roll call vote followed with the Ayes being: Tesdal, Bal, Cutler, and Rea. The Nays – None. Mr. Kleinmaier abstained. Motion carried.

Key Upcoming Events / Dates:

i.) 9/26/26 – Last day to file AFR with the State Comptroller's Office.
ii.) 9/30/26 – Last day to file the combined Annual Treasurer's Report for Township and Road District with the County Clerk.
iii.) 9/30/26 – Last day to complete Township & Road District Audit.

Reports:

Supervisor: Supervisor Rea said that he will be starting to work on the tax levy and will present to the Board at the November Meeting and will be voted on at the December Meeting.

Trustees: **None**

Highway Commissioner: Mr. Mann mentioned that salt is expected to be in short supply and expensive this winter. Fortunately, the Township is sitting on a supply of salt he expects should last for the winter. He also mentioned that the Illinois Department of Labor came out and completed its OSHA 300 inspection and the only issue they found was the lack of a "Flammable" sticker on a propane tank. Mark said he ordered the sticker, received it and placed it on the tank. Issue resolved. They did let Mark know that we need to post the OSHA 300 Log for 2025 & 2026 on the bulletin board at the town hall. The inspector worked with Mark to complete the Logs and to get them signed and posted.

Adjournment:

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will take place on Monday, October 12th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Erienna Township Hall. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Bal; second by Mr. Kleinmaier. A Voice Vote followed: Ayes were unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Brummel, Erienna Township Clerk