

April 2, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Owen Township was held at the Owen Township Hall, on April 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Trustees were present:

Owen Bach, Supervisor
Jen Grady
Tom Lawson
Sid Moate
Mark Smith

The following other persons were present:

Susan Barnes, Township Clerk
Charles Barnes, Highway Commissioner
Dana Lemke, Prospective Township Assessor
G. Michael Scheurich, Attorney
Joseph Goldsworthy, Member of public
Dan Bach, Member of public

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Owen Bach. Prior meeting minutes were approved as submitted on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried.

The Supervisor called for public comment and no persons present desired to speak.

The Supervisor next called for financial business and after review of bills, the Trustees, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, approved payment of the Township bills and on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, found the Road and Bridge District bills to be in order.

Supervisor Bach next presented to and read to the Trustees a letter of resignation. Trustee Moate, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Bach for his service and, thereafter, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Trustees accepted Mr. Bach's resignation. Mr. Bach suggested that the most senior Trustee might be chosen by the Trustees to fill the Supervisor vacancy and, thereupon, on motion by Trustee Grady and seconded by Trustee Lawson, the Trustees unanimously voted to appoint Sid Moate as Supervisor. Mr. Moate then advised that with his appointment of Supervisor, he would be required to resign his position as Trustee and offered his resignation which was unanimously accepted by the remaining Trustees. Town Clerk Susan Barnes administered and Mr. Moate took and subscribed his oath of office and at that time he assumed control of the meeting.

Trustee Jen Grady spoke to the Board concerning options for a township website. She investigated three sources and believed two of them were far too expensive for the Township and believed that WIX is the least expensive and best suited provider for the needs of the Township. The Trustees discussed matters which would be displayed in a website and discussed the legal requirements which would be imposed on Owen Township should it adopt an official website. After further discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was determined that Owen Township should continue to investigate instituting a website for the Township.

Mr. Barnes next reported on road plans. He said that he traded the 2015 Skidloader for a new model which will be more powerful and serve the Township needs better.

Supervisor Moate reminded the Trustees that Statements of Economic Interest must be filed with the Winnebago County Clerk by May 1. He announced that the annual meeting will be held April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall and the next meeting will be May 7 at the Owen Township Hall.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

THE OWEN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
APRIL 9, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE OWEN TOWNSHIP HALL, AND
THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2024
AT 7:00 PM AT THE SAME LOCATION.