

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Owen Township was held at the Owen Township Hall on Aug 4th, 2026, at 7 p.m.

The following Trustees were present:

Sid Moate, Supervisor

Mark Smith

Tom Lawson

Jeffrey Arnold

The following other known people were present:

Susan Barnes, Township Clerk

Charles Barnes, Highway Commissioner

Dana Lemke, Township Assessor

Resident: Robert Zais

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Sid Moate. After leading the Pledge of Allegiance, he called for public comment. Resident Robert Zais addressed issues in front of his property and the adjacent property on the frontage road for N Main St. concerned about lack of maintenance for vegetation and shoulder erosion. Highway Commissioner Charles Barnes discussed the situation and discussion ensued.

Supervisor Sid Moate called for review of the July 2026 meeting minutes. Seeing no further discussion, a motion to approve the July 2026 minutes Trustee Tom Lawson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Trustee Mark Smith seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

On new business Supervisor Moate discussed the final resolution to sell .104 acres to Winnebago County to complete the work on Owen Center Road at a compensation of \$1,182.00. Discussion ensued. Trustee Mark Smith made a motion to pass Resolution R-2026-03 with Trustee Tom Lawson seconding the motion, all aye vote was made and Resolution R-2026-03 was passed. Continuing new business Supervisor Moate discussed being notified of that is intention of building a 190 ft cellular tower at Haley and east of Meridian, no action needed at this time. Shoshone Dr. resident asked for a no parking sign due to neighbors having parties with a significant number of guests. Concerns that emergency vehicles would not be able to get through the area due to the number of cars. Supervisor Moate explained that we could not authorize or put up a sign, but they discussed alternatives to resolve the issue.

Next, Supervisor Sid Moate discussed old business, asking Charles Barnes to discuss the road activity. Charles Barnes that the sealcoating of Favor, Cemetery, Happy Acres and Alvina was expected to occur the following week. Truck is still online for delivery and the solar in now online should be getting credits soon. Discussed hope for consolidating Nicor accounts to reduce the number of gas meters. Supervisor Moate asked the trustees for approval to move Township and General Assistance Accounts from Foresight Bank to Rockford Community Bank, Trustee Tom Lawson made a motion to move both the Township Account and the General Assistance Accounts to the Rockford Community Bank, seconded my Trustee Mark Smith with an all-aye vote.

Supervisor Sid Moate stated the current balance of the General Assistance Fund is \$51,259.98, and the Township Fund balance is \$51,009.96.

Following the discussion the Supervisor called for review of the Township bills, Trustee Tom Lawson moved to approve the Township bills in the amount of \$26,084.92, seconded by Trustee Mark Smith, approved with an all-aye vote. The Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$3,072.19 and the Hard Road bills in the amount of \$3,261.5 were all found to be in order.

Trustee Tom Lawson stated that he is in contact with the Winnebago County Engineer and that he anticipates further information for Sept meeting.

Dana Lemke, Township Assessor, stated that the equalization factors have been finalized by the county and that Owen Township will get a 7.2% multiplier.

Assessed Values are published online at WinnebagoCountySupervisorofAssessment@winncoil.gov

With no further business to discuss, the Aug 4th, 2026, monthly meeting was called to adjourn by Trustee Tom Lawson and seconded by Trustee Mark Smith, an all-aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE Oct 6th, AT 7 P.M. AT THE OWEN TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 4019 LATHAM RD. ROCKFORD, IL.

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Barnes,

Owen Township Clerk

