

February 3rd, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Owen Township was held at the Owen Township Hall, on February 3rd, 2026, at 7 p.m.

The Following Trustees were present:

Sid Moate, Supervisor

Mark Smith

Tom Lawson

Jeffrey Arnold

Jen Grady

The Following other known people were present:

Susan Barnes, Township Clerk

Charles Barnes, Highway Commissioner

Dana Lemke, Township Assessor

Dale Brown, resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Supervisor Sid Moate. After leading the Pledge of Allegiance, he called for public comment.

Seeing none, Supervisor Sid Moate called for review of the Jan 6th, 2026 meeting minutes. Seeing no further discussion, a motion to approve Jan 6th, 2026 minutes Trustee Jen Grady made the motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented and Trustee Jeffrey Arnold seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Next, Supervisor Sid Moate asked Township Assessor, Dana Lemke, to present the Assessor's annual budget request. In general, the budget will continue primarily within the parameters of the 2025 budget, she also budgeted items to account for the possibility of computer failure and additional requirements to be met. The Supervisor invited questions from the Trustees and no questions were posed. The Township Assessor's 2026 budget was then placed on file.

Supervisor Sid Moate informed the board that due to work requirements he would not be available to attend February's meeting and offered that the Board conduct the meeting without him or the other option would be to change the monthly meeting to March 2nd, 2026. Trustee Tom Lawson made a motion to change the March meeting to March 2nd, 2026, at 7p.m., seconded by Trustee Jen Grady. And unanimously passed.

Supervisor Sid Moate reminded Trustees to prepare to complete their Statement of Economic Interest, the due date is May 1st, 2026. Next the Supervisor discussed Winnebago County Highway Department's {WCHD} Owen Center Road construction project and the impact on Owen Township Highway Department property, discussion ensued. Road Commissioner Charles Barnes discussed that the installation of the solar panels is not anticipated to be started until sometime in April 2026. Road Commissioner Barnes discussed that he is no longer planning on installing an additional hoop building that it would be more effective to come up with a plan to fix the current salt shed, discussion ensued.

Finally, Supervisor Sid Moate stated the current balance of the General Assistance Fund is \$51,166,68, and the Township Fund balance is \$118,022.59.

Supervisor Sid Moate then called for review of the Township bills and Trustee Tom Lawson moved to approve the township bills in the amount of \$11,779.03, seconded by Trustee Mark Smith motion approved with an all-aye vote.

The Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$7,777.03 and Hard Road in the amount of \$2,713.67 were all found to be in order.

With no further business to discuss, the February 3rd, 2026, monthly meeting was called to adjourn by Trustee Jen Grady and seconded by Trustee Jeffrey Arnold and unanimously carried at 7:18pm.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 7TH, 2026 AT 7 P.M. AT THE OWEN TOWNSHIP HALL, 4019 LATHAM ROAD, ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

THE ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2026 AT 7 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Barnes,

Owen Township Clerk