

April 7th, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Owen Township was held at the Owen Township Hall on April 7th, 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

Dana Lemke, Township Assessor

Joe Goldsworthy, OT resident

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.

Seeing none, Supervisor Sid Moate called for review of the March 2026 meeting minutes. Seeing no further discussion, a motion to approve the March 2026 minutes Trustee Jeffrey Arnold made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Trustee Mark Smith seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Next, Supervisor Sid Moate discussed new business, Supervisor Moate discussed how the General Assistance PTELL is allocated and that it was time to reduce the General Assistance PTELL due to the continued accumulation to the GA account and then he redirected these funds into the township account for township expenses. If there is a catastrophic occurrence and the GA is depleted, then it becomes a liability to the township, and the township account will be responsible for the difference.

Second on new business is the cemetery board allocation of annual fund to cover expenses for maintenance.

Supervisor Sid Moate reminded the trustees that SOEI is required to be submitted to the Winnebago County Clerk's office before May 1st, and that next Tuesday, April 14th will be the Annual Township Meeting.

Supervisor Moate reported that Commissioner Barnes, who was not able to attend this evening meeting, told him that Iconic has completed a pre-installation review and that there is no date yet for installation of solar panels, in addition, the truck completion has

been pushed back to September by Bonnell and that tree trimming and spring cleanup to begin in the next month.

Dana Lemke, Township Assessor, stated the tentative equalization factors are in line with what is expected, while still on the rise just not as drastic as in the recent past.

Supervisor Sid Moated stated the current balance of the General Assistance Fund is \$51,170.82, and the Township Fund balance is \$ 96,729. the Supervisor called for review of the Township bills, Trustee Tom Lawson moved to approve the township bills in the amount of \$18,377.10, seconded by Trustee Jen Grady, approved with an all-aye vote. The Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$174,799.32 and the Hard Road bills in the amount of \$3,476.00 were all found to be in order.

Trustee Tom Lawson questioned which account the insurance payments had been deposited into and which the CPR check has been paid out of. After Discussion, Supervisor Sid Moate said he would look into this to be sure that the money had gone into and come out of the proper accounts.

With no further business to discuss, the monthly meeting was called to adjourn by Trustee Jen Grady and seconded by Trustee Mark Smith, an all aye vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:20p.m.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE May 5th, 2026, AT 7 P.M. AT THE OWEN TOWNSHIP

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Barnes,
Owen Township Clerk