

Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

June 18, 2025 @ 7:30pm

Members Present: Supervisor Eric Verlinde, Clerk Tim Karasek, Treasurer Kathy George, Trustee Jacob Klaus, Trustee Isreal O'Boyle

Visitors: Beth Botke- Assessor, Zach Rudat- Clinton County Commissioner, Matt Pettigrew- Clinton County Sheriff

Call to Order: Township Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

Beth Botke- Assessor

- Discussion on meeting with Lynn Wilson of the Planning Department to streamline permits.
- All other things going smoothly.

Zach Rudat- Clinton County Commissioner

- Discussion on personnel shifts at the Clinton County offices.
- Expected to receive \$3.3 million on opioid settlement.
- Jail restructure meeting to discuss remodeling options.
- Discussion on 20 year fairground master plan.

Matt Pettigrew- CCSO

- Sheriff's office has three new hires.
- Motor vehicle accidents on the rise.
- Alcohol and Tobacco compliance investigations complete. Essex Township did well.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Approval of the April 16, 2025 Board Minutes.

M. Kathy George, S. Eric Verlinde: **MCU**

Approval of the Agenda:

M. Tim Karasek, S. Kathy George: **MCU**

Trustee Report: Isreal O'Boyle

- Discussion on Board members who attend external meetings on behalf of the township, receive a stipend for expenses.

FINAL: JUNE 18, 2024 Meeting

Motion: If requested by the Essex Township Board to attend a CAAS board meeting, the Board member in attendance receive a \$50 stipend.

M. Tim Karasek, S. Eric Verlinde: MCU

Trustee Report: Jacob Klaus

- Board discussion on bylaw revisions and funding for the previous CAAS meeting.

Treasurers Report: Kathy George,

- Review of Transaction Detail Report.

M. Tim Karasek, S. Eric Verlinde: Accept the Treasurers Report as presented. MCU

Clerks Report: Tim Karasek,

- Discussions on CAASA \$18195.00 bill for the 2025 ambulance service.

M. Tim Karasek, S. Kathy George: Pay the CAAS invoice for \$18195.00 as presented. MCU

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Isreal O'Boyle: Accept the clerks report as presented. MCU

Supervisors Report: Eric Verlinde,

- Discussion on Road Commission accidentally placing gravel on Marshall Rd. Road Commission offered to discount the cost of application of gravel by 10% and bill for FY 2026-2027

M. Tim Karasek, S. Eric Verlinde: Accept the proposal of the Clinton County Road Commission offer to defer the cost of the Marshall Rd. gravel application to the FY 2026-2027 Budget at a 10% discounted rate. MCU.

- Future bridge cost and funding discussions.

MOTION: Accept the Supervisors Report as presented.

M. Kathy George, S. Tim Karasek. MCU

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn 8:30pm.

M. Jacob Klaus, S. Kathy George. MCU

Next Meeting August 20, 2025 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Karasek

Essex Township Clerk