

Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

October 15, 2025 @ 7:30pm

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

Visitors: Bonnie Hale- Cemetery Manager, Beth Botke- Assessor, Zach Rudat- Clinton County Commissioner, Paul Sorah- Maple Rapids Trustee, Kelby Lieby- MRFD, Jodi Smith- Clinton Transit

Call to Order: Township Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:31pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

Bonnie Hale- Cemetery Manager

- Cemetery computer program crashed. Looking at new cemetery software. Current software is unsupported.
- Discussion on options. Existing program is limited. Asked Bonnie to continue with fleshing out options.

Beth Botke- Assessor

- Just received 5 applications for PA 116 submission. All from Jandernoa's property. Will need to address tonight.

Zach Rudat- Clinton County Commissioner

- Clinton County public budget hearing last night. 10% of revenue derived from state or federal funding.
- Lansing Area Partnership Council expires this year. If not renewed, dollars will go into general fund.
- Fairgrounds: working on a project scope with a 20 year master plan. Comparing now with other counties. Anticipated 7-8 month process.
- Discussion on planning and zoning split decision on Duplain 5 acre reassessment from agriculture to residential. Vote 4-3 against. Decision revisited and reversed.

Paul Sorah- Maple Rapids Trustee

- CAAS bylaw change and contract discussion.
 - o Main change is offloading points of the contract to the bylaws. Modification of the bylaws will only require 2/3 majority vote to pass.
 - o Bylaws will carry the same weight as the contract.
 - o Discussion ensued.

Kelby Lieby- MRFD

- Essex Township runs so far this year: Fire 4, Medical 40.

- Now 23 members in the Fire Department.
- Discussion on equipment and activities.

Jody Smith- Clinton Area Transit

- Clinton Transit Authority passed audit with flying colors.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Approval of the August 20, 2025 Board Minutes.

M. Kathy George, S. Isreal O'Boyle: MCU

Approval of the Agenda:

Additions:

1. PA 116 approvals
2. Newsletter

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Jacob Klaus: MCU

Trustee Report: Jacob Klaus

- Board discussion on bylaw revisions and funding for the previous CAAS meeting and 2/3rds voting change.
- Will invite public to next board meeting for their input on the topic.

Treasurers Report: Kathy George,

- Review of Transaction Detail Report.
- Newsletter ideas: Roads, CAASA, veteran exemption changes.

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

Clerks Report: Tim Karasek,

- Review and discussion on budget reports.

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Kathy George: Accept the clerks report as presented. MCU

Supervisors Report: Eric Verlinde,

- Road repairs on Anderson Rd. bridge will not happen. Bridge not as bad as anticipated.
A \$31000 savings to the budget.

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- Discussion on the Maple Rapids Rd. culvert. Proposed abandoning the road.

M. Kathy George, S. Jacob Klaus: Accept the Supervisors report as presented. MCU

New Business:

- Review of proposed PA 116 applications.
- Township Assessor Beth Botke reviewed and displayed proposed properties via her computer. Discussion on Jandernoa properties.

M. Tim Karasek, S. Isreal O'Boyle: Approve the 5 Jandernoa properties presented to be accepted into PA 116. MCU.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn 9:17pm.

M. Isreal O'Boyle, S. Eric Verlinde. MCU

Next Meeting December 17, 2025 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Karasek

Essex Township Clerk