

## **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.

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**Motion:** If requested by the Essex Township Board to attend a CAASA 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 CAASA 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 CAASA 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**

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**Next Meeting August 20, 2025 7:30pm**

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Karasek

Essex Township Clerk