

Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

August 20, 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, Doug Steffan- Clinton County Road Commission, Sara Morrison- Briggs Library, David Smith- Resident, Jodi Smith- Clinton Transit, Matt Pettigrew- Clinton County Sheriff

Call to Order: Township Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:32pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

Beth Botke- Assessor

- Everything going smoothly.

Zach Rudat- Clinton County Commissioner

- Planning and Zoning continuing with contract services to cover staff shortages until the end of the year.
- Broadband expansion for Maple Rapids residents are not getting advanced notice of installation.
- Discussion on recycling center usage.

Doug Steffan- Clinton County Road Commission

- Discussion on the disposition of Ease Essex Elementary School, SJPS bonds and Eureka Schools.

Jody Smith- Clinton Area Transit

- June ridership is a 58% increase from 2024.
- Clinton Transit us up to 49 staff members (42 full time and 7 part time).
- Presentation on popular drop off locations.
- Busses driven 1,910,000 miles in 2024.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Approval of the June 18, 2025 Board Minutes.

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

Approval of the Agenda:

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

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

Clerks Report: Tim Karasek,

- Discussions on budget reports.

M. Kathy George, **S.** Tim Karasek: Accept the clerks report as presented. **MCU**

Supervisors Report: Eric Verlinde,

Beth Botke- Presentation and signing of Township L-4029.

M. Kathy George, **S.** Eric Verlinde: Accept the L-4029 as Presented. **MCU**

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn 8:36pm.

M. Tim Karasek, **S.** Eric Verlinde. **MCU**

Next Meeting October 15, 2025 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Karasek

Essex Township Clerk