

FEBRUARY 2019 MINUTES MCLEANSBORO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The February 12th, 2019 Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Clydus Gray. The meeting was held at the local Township building.

There were no public comments.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the January meeting were read by the Clerk. As there were no corrections to be made, a motion was made by Kyle Ingram and seconded by Jamie Ellis to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

As a matter of information, Supervisor Gray said there will be an Educational District Meeting in Mt. Vernon on June 14th, 2019 for anyone on the Board who would like to attend. Clydus stated the Township will pay the expenses for anyone who attends.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss

New Business:

- The Supervisor said there was an electrical issue involving the light in one of bathrooms. The problem will require hiring someone to come and repair whatever problems are found.

- Clydus referred the Board to an article in the January 2019 Perspective that discussed the inequitable funding of County and Township Road Districts. That article, in summary, pointed out that in 2016 local roads accounted for 39.5% of statewide traffic but only received back 21.2% (or \$690.7 million dollars) of highway user fees collected. To emphasize the problem, the amount received in 2016 was 21.5 million less than what was received in 2000. All of this is taking place as costs for basic maintenance has increased approximately 2.4% since the year 2000. As a result, the Supervisor said it was important that whenever possible every Township official should let their respective Senators and Congressmen know of the dilemma local Road Districts are facing.

Monthly Claims

- Road and Bridge Fund, Building and Equipment Fund and Permanent Road Fund claims were presented for review. Motion by Becky Cross and seconded by Dennis Johnson to pay those bills. Motion carried.
- Town Fund and Social Security Fund claims were also presented for review. Motion by Kyle Ingram and seconded by Jamie Ellis to pay those bills. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to conduct, motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Johnson and seconded by Becky Cross. Motion carried.

Richard Woods
Town Clerk