

**MAY 2025 MINUTES
MCLEANSBORO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the McLeansboro Township Board was held on May 13, 2025 at the Township building located at 105 Carpenter Street.

It should be noted that fifteen minutes prior to the start of this month's meeting, the Township Board met in the event a local resident wished to discuss the current year pending budgets. No discussions were held during that meeting.

In addition, it should also be noted that prior to the start of the meeting, the following individuals were sworn into office to serve a new four-year term effective May 19, 2025: Township Supervisor Clydus Gray, Road Commissioner Robert "Bob" Drake, and Trustees Becky Cross, Kyle Ingram and Dennis Johnson. Trustee Laura Renn will be officially sworn into office prior to the June meeting.

As this was the last meeting for outgoing Trustee Bob Brockett, the entire Board wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for his term of service.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

At this point, the meeting was officially called to order by Supervisor Clydus Gray who asked for the reading of the April 2025 minutes. As there were no corrections to be made, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Becky Cross and Seconded by Kyle Ingram. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Annual Budgets:** The tentative annual budgets for both the Township and the Road District were once again presented to the Board for review. Supervisor Gray noted an error had been noted regarding the Road District budget as a proposed expenditure had been placed on an incorrect line item. Road Commissioner Drake requested the budget be corrected and, that the change be approved by the Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Bob Brockett and seconded by Dennis Johnson to approve the requested change. Motion Carried.

At that point, the tentatively approved 2025-2026 budget for the Township as well as the amended Road District Budget were provided to the Board for final review and approval. A motion was made by Dennis Johnson and seconded by Bob Brockett to approve Town budget Ordinance 2025-1. Motion carried. In addition, a motion was made by Kyle Ingram and seconded by Becky Cross to approve the amended Road District budget (Ordinance 2025-2). That motion also carried.

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New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Miscellaneous:

- Cemetery Trustee Eva Lynn Gray reported a large tree on the property of a private residence adjacent to the Odd Fellows Cemetery had fallen onto several cemetery monuments. It was noted the homeowner arranged to have the tree removed with no significant damage to any stone.

- Supervisor Gray said he had received one reply from a State Representative stating his opposition to the pending bills that would eliminate Township governments and have them merged into local county governments. It was noted that the latest edition of the TOI Perspective magazine those bills have since been withdrawn from this years agenda.

Monthly Claims:

- Road and Bridge Fund, Building and Equipment Fund, Permanent Road Fund and Joint Bridge Fund claims were presented to the Board for review. Motion by Kyle Ingram and seconded by Becky Cross to pay those bills. Motion carried.

- Town Fund and Social Security Fund claims were also presented to the Board. Motion by Becky Cross and seconded by Bob Brockett to pay those bills. Motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Bob Brockett and seconded by Kyle Ingram. Motion carried.

Richard Woods
Township Clerk