

**Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 26, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Troy Township Board of Trustees was held at the Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood, Illinois.

Clerk Larry Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Bryan Kopman.

Roll call:

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz – Excused Absence	Trustee Johnnie Greenwood – Present
Trustee Bryan W. Kopman – Present	Trustee Jerry Nudera – Present
Trustee Brett Wheeler – Excused Absence	

Quorum is established.

Also, in Attendance:

Clerk Larry Ryan	Assessor Kimberly Anderson	Collector Dawn Damiani
	Administrator Jennifer Dylik	

- Highway Commissioner Ward notification that unable to attend.

In the absence of Supervisor Baltz, Clerk Ryan opened the floor for a nomination of “Chair Pro-Tem” to preside over the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to have Bryan W. Kopman serve as “Chair Pro-Tem” at the Board Meeting. All present were in favor, and Trustee Kopman accepted the role to officiate.

**GUESTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Chairman Kopman opened the meeting for the introduction of guests and citizen comments. After asking a third time, and hearing none, Kopman closed the meeting for citizen comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Kopman presented the minutes from the **February 26, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**, for approval. After no additions, comments, or corrections were brought forward, a motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the **MINUTES** of the **February 26, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Absent; Baltz-Absent.  
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

\* A few of the Board Members did not have a copy of the “**Treasurer’s Report – January 31, 2024**” in the packet. Chairman Kopman entertained a motion to move Agenda Item VI Treasurer’s Report” in front of Item XIV “Announcements”. A motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to move the Agenda Item, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The **Treasurer’s Report** for the month ending **January 31, 2024**, was placed on file by Chairman Kopman. After asking for discussion, no questions were raised, a motion was made by Trustee

Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ending **January 31, 2024.**

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Absent; Baltz-Absent.  
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman Kopman reviewed the following correspondence with the Board:

- Thank you notice from Kathleen F., sister of Bill Moran for the donation to Lightways Hospice (formerly Joliet Area Comm. Hospice) Bill Moran, former Highway Dept. employee, thoroughly enjoyed his time with Troy Township. Clerk Ryan shared he worked most recently with H.C. Dan Ward and previously 3 to 4 Commissioners ago. The Moran Family farmed on Route 52 adjacent the Shorewood Village Hall site.
- Invitation from the Superintendent of Minooka High School District to the Second Annual Community Leaders Breakfast on Friday, March 1, 2024, starting at 7:30a.m.
- Assessor's Office received two PTAB Commercial Appeals
  - 1) JP Morgan Chase Bank 1421 Rte. 59;
  - 2) GMP Essington Properties LLC – strip center
- TOI Perspective January/February 2024 issue.
- Will County Center for Economic Development Annual Report.

**REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:**

**TRUSTEE JOHNNIE GREENWOOD** – No report.

**TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN** – Happy St. Patrick's Day wishes. Finance Committee Meeting is schedule for Monday, March 18, 2024, at 5:00pm. Discussion will include the Budget Proposals for the upcoming 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

**TRUSTEE JERRY NUDERA** – No report.

**TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER** – Excused absence.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Admin. Dylik presented on behalf of Commissioner Ward:

- Recent purchase of a Ford F-550 is to replace an older 2011 Ford F-450 Dump.
- Building remodeling (insulation & heat) is nearing completion.
- P.T. Ferro Construction is the apparent low bidder and will be awarded the Ron Lee Estates Storm Sewer Project.
- NICOR Construction Project along Rock Run Drive is ongoing.
- Hopes that the winter weather is behind us so that drainage and paving work can begin.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor Anderson presented the following:

- Will County did not submit a final increase for 2024 values. A tentative assessment factor of 9.67% stands.
- The new CAMA software system is still in the conversion process. Next training is Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Final Board of Review results over \$100,000 are distributed to the Board. The summary includes total reductions **sought** = \$10,720,833, and total reductions **given** = \$1,960,356.
- The two PTAB Commercial Appeals were discussed in the Correspondence Agenda item.
- The Community Center and Assessor's Office will host an exemption event. Will County SOA will be on site to assist with paperwork. Exemption applications will be mailed the third week of April.

**TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT:** No report.

**TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** Dawn Damiani extended a Happy St. Patrick's and Blessed Easter celebration.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** No report.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Administrator Dylik presented the following:

- Work on the 2024-25 FY Budget is in the final stages, and email distribution to the Board is slated for Monday, March 4th.
- The Spring 2024 Troy Township Communicator Newsletter is currently with the graphic designer. Scheduled distribution is on track for the last two weeks of March.
- As requested, IMRF contributions/payments are to be made from one account. Supervisor Baltz opened an account with Chase to make the contributions on behalf of the Town Fund and Road District respectively. The February balance sheet should reflect this account.
- Chase recently offered attractive short-term (90-day) CD rates of 4.61% to the Township. Supervisor Baltz, on behalf of the Town Fund and Road District Fund have place \$250,000 each into these CD's and should generate \$2,800 of interest income for each account.
- The coming week's schedule include the following employee benefits seminars:
  - 2/27 AFLAC
  - 2/29 VOYA for 457B retirement plans
  - 3/21 IMRF Luncheon Presentation
  - 3/28 One Digital – Health, Dental, Vision, HRA presentations & open enrollment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Kopman asked for any old business. After asking for a third time, no old business was presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Kopman submitted the following for approval:

- A) Discussion of and Approval to increase the Township's Liability Coverage with TOIRMA from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 effective with the June 1, 2024, policy renewal.

Administrator Dylik presented the following history and items for review:

- The decision to increase the liability is due by March 1 for the June 1 renewal.
- A couple of years back the Board & Staff elected to raise the liability limits from \$3mil to \$5mil for an approximate premium increase of \$2,000 annually.
- Presentation breakdown states the premium increase from \$5mil to \$10mil will cost an additional \$3,000 of premium.
- The carrier (TOIRMA) had said the decision correlates to the Board's risk tolerance, rather than the size of the Township.
- The presentation of the "coverage increase" applies to the Auto Liability, General Liability, and Public Officials Liability, and not to the other categories (Inland Marine, Work Comp, etc.).
- Dylik commented that Supervisor Baltz was in favor of the coverage & premium increase. Highway Commissioner Ward did not express an opinion on the increases.
- Attending Board members inquired about historical claims or litigation against the Township. No one was aware of a major or catastrophic award/claim.
- Trustees Kopman and Nudera discussed general claim limits against governmental agencies. Kopman offered that claims typically do not exceed the policy limits since most final settlements require a sign-off or full release of liability.

- Clerk Ryan expressed concerns over the per occurrence and aggregate limits, as well as the increased coverage over one category (Auto, GL, POL). Inquired if an Umbrella Policy to increase limits for all categories would be an option. Admin. Dylik said an Umbrella was not offered by TOIRMA and may have to come from another source.
- Assessor Anderson added the question of insurance limits Vs. the amount of suit. Kopman replied it is unlikely legal representatives would try to exceed the policy limits.
- Collector Damiani inquired about the timing of the renewal and if Staff was satisfied with the presentation. Dylik confirmed the information received to this point was satisfactory.

A motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve an **increase in liability limits (Auto, General, and Public Officials) from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 as presented by TOIRMA with the June 1, 2024, Policy Renewal; with a limit not to exceed \$3,000 in additional annual premium.**

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Absent; Baltz-Absent.  
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Chairman Kopman submitted the following bills:

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **February 26, 2024**, as presented totaling **\$60,659.59**. After review, no other questions were presented.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Absent; Baltz-Absent.  
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Nudera to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **February 26, 2024**, as presented totaling **\$1,032.25**. After review, no questions or discussions were presented.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Absent; Baltz-Absent.  
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **February 26, 2023**, as presented totaling **\$165,221.67**.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Absent; Baltz-Absent.  
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** No items presented for closed session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Kopman presented the following announcements:

- Early Voting – Monday, March 4, 2024, through Friday, March 15, 2024: Weekdays 8:30a.m. - 3:30p.m.
- Primary Election Day – Tuesday, March 19, 2024; 5:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
- Troy Township Finance Committee Meeting - Monday, March 18, 2024, 5:00p.m.
- Troy Township Road District Decennial Committee Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2024, 6:15 p.m.
- Next Board Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:48 p.m.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Absent; Baltz-Absent.  
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Ryan, Clerk

