

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN ELECTORS

April 9, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

Clerk Larry Ryan called the 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Troy Township to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2024. The pledge to the flag was recited, led by Township Administrator Jennifer Dylik.

Clerk Ryan announced that legal notifications of the Annual Town Meeting were published by the required minimum of 15 days in advance and was published in the March 22, 2024, edition of The Herald News, was posted at the Troy Township Community Center, and was posted at three public locations around the township: Village of Shorewood Towne Center, Shorewood-Troy Public Library, Joliet Public Library on Black Road. The Annual Meeting notice was published on the Township website at [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com) and information was emailed out to all email addresses on file with the Township via Constant Contact.

Clerk Ryan announced that the first item of business was the election of a Town Moderator and called for nominations.

A motion was made by Kim Anderson that Bryan Kopman act as Moderator. Tom Ward seconded the motion.

After asking for any other nominations for moderator, and hearing none, Clerk Ryan closed the floor for nominations.

Clerk Ryan called for a vote on the motion for Bryan Kopman to act as Moderator. Motion carried.

The following oath was administered to the Moderator. "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of Moderator at this Township Meeting to the best of my ability, so help me God."

Moderator Kopman thanked everyone for attending and instructed that the minutes from the April 11, 2023, Annual Town meeting be approved. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dawn Damiani made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Johnnie Greenwood. Motion carried.

Moderator Kopman then announced that the following items of business would be acted upon at this meeting.

- a. Accounts of the Supervisor
- b. Financial statements of the Supervisor
- c. Accounts of the Highway Commissioner
- d. Financial Reports
- e. Disposition of Surplus Items
- f. Motion to Pay Moderator
- g. Town Meeting Announcement

Township Administrator Dylik announced to the Moderator and Clerk that she will present items a, b, c, and d on behalf of Supervisor Baltz. Also, at that time the following items were placed on file: the Preliminary Supervisor's Annual Treasurer's Report & Financials ending March 31, 2024 for the **Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Road & Bridge Fund**, and the current inventory reports of the Township.

Moderator Kopman announced that the financial reports are placed on the head table and available for distribution to the electors. They are also available at [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com).

On behalf of Supervisor Baltz, Township Administrator Dylik gave a summary of the past year for the Township (attached).

Moderator Kopman asked if there were any items to declare surplus.

Kim Anderson announced that the Assessor's department has 13 monitors to declare surplus. A motion was made by Tom Ward to declare the Assessor's 13 monitors as surplus for disposal. Jerry Nudera seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Ward announced that the Supervisor's department has one piano that is old and is un-tunable and one oak credenza with water damage that are surplus and to be disposed of. Dawn Damiani made a motion to declare the piano and credenza as surplus for disposal; seconded by George Muentnich. Motion carried.

No other motions for surplus items were brought forward.

Moderator Kopman asked for a motion to pay the moderator. No motions to pay the moderator were made.

Moderator Kopman announced that the next Annual Town Meeting would be Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Kopman asked for any citizen comments or announcements.

George Muentnich commented that the employees and elected officials of Troy Township are top-notch and other units of government should be like the township.

Ronald Huritz inquired about improvements to the interchange and ramps at Rt. 52 and I-55 asking if the improvements were a DOT project or a township project. Moderator Kopman reported that it was not a township project. The electors present discussed the project briefly noting that it was an IDOT project and likely done with coordination from the Village of Shorewood. Administrator Dylik directed electors to [www.i55atI59accessproject.org](http://www.i55atI59accessproject.org) which is IDOT's website about the proposed improvements in the I-55, IL 59, and I-80 corridor.

Larry Ryan, Jr. asked, do the township officials have dialog with the State regarding the future of township government in the Illinois given the crusades to eliminate township government regardless of the number of financial reports that show how well it works and how well it is received. Moderator Kopman reported that yes, we are in regular contact with our local legislators and turned to Administrator Dylik for more information. Dylik commented that yes, she and other elected officials of the township have active communication with local legislators. In fact, she and Assessor Kim Anderson are traveling to Springfield on April 17, 2024, for the Township Officials of Illinois Lobby Day where they have appointments confirmed with Representative Natalie Manley, Senator Rachel Ventura, Senator Meg Loughran Cappel, and commitments from Representative Harry Benton and longtime township supporter Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. They will be presenting the legislators with information that supports township government including its low-cost operations and efficiencies. Kim Anderson and Larry Ryan encouraged all to read a recent report published by the Township Officials of Illinois titled "Local Government in Illinois: A Comparison of Township Government" (formerly the Wendell Cox Report). Larry Ryan, Kim Anderson, and Johnnie Greenwood all noted how the report shows that township government costs less than their municipal counterparts, including a lesser debt load. The electors present continued a brief discussion about the report, how schools are funded, and the efficiencies of township government.

Moderator Kopman asked for any announcements or additional comments. No other comments were made.

Moderator Kopman asked for a motion to adjourn. Dawn Damiani made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Jason Cox. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Larry Ryan*  
Larry Ryan  
Town Clerk  
by *Quinn Dyer*  
Deputy Clerk

