

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025
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 Township Trustee, Brett Wheeler.

Roll call:

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

Quorum is established.

Also, in Attendance:

Clerk Larry Ryan	Assessor Kimberly Anderson	Collector Dawn Damiani
Hwy. Commissioner Thomas R. Ward	Administrator Jennifer Dylik	

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 Kopman; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to have Jerry Nudera serve as “Chair Pro-Tem” at the Board Meeting. All present were in favor, no one opposed, and Trustee Nudera accepted the role to officiate.

GUESTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Nudera presented the minutes from **January 24, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**, for approval. No further discussion or items were presented, and a motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the corrected **MINUTES** of **January 24, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Absent.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The **Treasurer’s Report** for the month ending **January 31, 2025**, was placed on file by Chairman Nudera. After asking for discussion, no questions were raised, a motion was made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Kopman to accept the **TREASURER’S REPORT** for the month ending **January 31, 2025**.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman- Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Absent.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Nudera reviewed the following correspondence with the Board:

- 2024 Annual Report for the Will County Center for Economic Development (C.E.D.)
- The Shorewood Connection Newsletter for Spring 2025.

- T.O.I. Perspective Magazine January 2025.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE JOHNNIE GREENWOOD – No report.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – Reported on the upcoming Finance Committee Meeting that will precede next months Regular Board Mtg. on March 17th. Happy St. Patrick’s Day to everyone.

TRUSTEE JERRY NUDERA – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward presented the following:

- Equipment maintenance and repair efforts continue in between snow events.
- As the thaw and cold weather subsides, focus will be directed to assessing the state of roads in need of repair or resurfacing. Planning for the upcoming paving will begin soon.
- Willett Hoffman representative, Dan Malinowski, will present the current state of the “Shepley Road Bridge Project” under the New Business agenda item.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Assessor Kimberly Anderson reported on the following:

- The Will County Board of Review 2024 spreadsheet illustrating reduction requests, stipulated calculations, and assessed valuation differences. Requests of \$100,000 + were highlighted.
- Requested reductions = \$11,687,945 Reductions through stipulation = \$938,610
Saved value = \$10,749,335
- Illinois Dept. of Revenue (IDOR) submitted 2024 assessments with a market value of \$7,176,904,404. This was an increase of \$646,817,466 since the 2023 final.
- Staff is working hard on projects and the Assessor & Chief Deputy are reviewing neighborhoods for possible reassessment. The tentative increase factor is 13.53%.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Larry Ryan - No report.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Dawn Damiani – No report.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz (absent):

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported on the following:

- Distributed a summary of Township Services administered for January 2025.
- The 2025-2026 Budget Proposal is in the final stages of review. Friday, February 29th is the target date for distribution and website posting.
- The Everbridge notification program is now live. Elected officials are encouraged to participate in the mass texting program, and to reach out if sign-up assistance is needed.
- Attended two training courses offered through the IL Township Management Academy.
 - 1) Succession planning and the importance of developing talent with the organization.
 - 2) Conducting personnel evaluations and making the evaluation meeting meaningful.
- Participated in the Metropolitan Township Association (MTA) briefing with regards to the Governor’s budget initiative. This includes a form of legislation as SB2504 and focuses on consolidation of township government. Outreach to local partners and elected officials will be shared with the Board.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Nudera asked for any old business. After asking a third time, and hearing none, Baltz closed the meeting for old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Nudera presented the following items:

- a) Approval of **Resolution 24-25R-11 - A Resolution to Rescind Resolution 22-23R-16 – Supplement #2 for \$52,382.00, and Resolution 24-25R-03 - Supplement #3 for \$103,856.00.** Both resolutions and supplement were Improvements under the IL Highway Code for Shepley Road Bridge Structure #099-4252. The following items were discussed:
Admin. Dylik opened with a brief synopsis of the history of the Resolutions to be rescinded. Relayed that IDOT would also like the two supplements to be rolled into one sum. This total is approximately \$20,000 more and she turned the floor over to Dan Malinowski. Willett Hoffman representative, Dan Malinowski, attributed the increase to updated billing rates (engineering), and increased land valuations which may include appraisals, easements, & right-of-way acquisitions. These are all mandated by IDOT. Trustee Greenwood confirmed that no other increases may be expected. Highway Comm. Ward commended the coordinated efforts of Will County Highway Officials, Dan Malinowski, and Admin. Dylik for pushing IDOT reps to confirm receipt of the Supplements and Phase 2 Engineering. This will keep the project on tract. No other discussion or concerns were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve **Resolution 24-25R-11** as presented.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Absent.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

- b) Approve **Resolution 24-25R-12 for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for Shepley Road Bridge Structure #099-4252 – Supplement #2 in the amount of \$175,943.00.** Explanation and discussion on the matter are associated and related to descriptions in the Resolution 24-25R-11 above. No other discussion or concerns were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve **Resolution 24-25R-12** as presented.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Absent.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

- c) Approve the **Selection of Pagefreezer for Social Media Archiving of the Township's Facebook Page and other means of mass broadcasting.** The contract duration is one year spanning January of 2026.

Administrator Dylik reported the following:

- Social media, specifically the Township Facebook page, is used to disseminate information to the public.
- The Facebook page, the township's posts, comments, etc. are subject to FOIA.
- The 2024-2025FY budget allowed funds to secure a social media archiving solution.
- Proposals from Pagefreezer, Smarsh, Archive Social (Civic Plus), and Nextsulting were all reviewed.
- Dylik recommends approval of Pagefreezer not only because it was the lowest price, unlimited storage volume, and the backside search features were very user-friendly.

Clerk Ryan asked about the search mechanism, and Dylik confirmed this company hosts the data storage and promotes the examination of designated subject matter.

Dylik confirmed for Trustee Kopman that the Township has an existing relationship with Nextsulting as our website host company.

No other discussion or concerns were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the **Selection of Pagefreezer for Social Media Archiving for the Calendar Year 2025.**

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Absent.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Chairman Nudera submitted the following bills for approval:

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **February 24, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$44,203.45**. After review, no other questions were presented.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Absent.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **February 24, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$20.90**. No other questions or discussions were presented.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Absent.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Kopman to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **February 24, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$13,052.82**. After review, no other questions were presented.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Absent.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: No items presented for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Nudera presented the following announcements:

- A) Early Voting at Troy Township – Monday, March 17, 2025, to Friday, March 28, 2025; Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- B) Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, March 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
- C) Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, March 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
- D) Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Kopman, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Absent.
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ryan, Clerk