

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, March 17, 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.

Supervisor Baltz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Township Assessor, Kimberly Anderson.

Roll call:

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz – Present	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	

GUESTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for the introduction of guests and citizen comments. Camelot Subdivision resident Barry Damon reflected on the status of the Single Waste Hauler and IDOT I-80 construction impacting access to Camelot. Clerk Ryan, Admin. Dylik, and Hghwy. Comm. Ward commented there will be a concerted effort after the Consolidated Elections to proceed. This will include election scheduling, referendum, committee meetings, 70%+ survey support, and requests for additional waste pick-up (landscape, electronics, etc.) Contract specifications will follow next.

Highway Comm. Ward and Admin. Dylik commented on resident engineer contacts and scheduled work. With regards to the IDOT I-80 underpass/tunnel work on the west frontage road. After asking a third time, and hearing none, Baltz closed the meeting for citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Baltz presented the minutes from **February 24, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**, for approval. Trustee Greenwood had caught an error (Old Business) to be corrected prior to approval. No further discussion or items were presented, and a motion was made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve the corrected **MINUTES** of **February 24, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The **Treasurer's Report** for the month ending **February 28, 2025**, was placed on file by Supervisor Baltz. After asking for discussion, no questions were raised, a motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ending **February 28, 2025**.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Baltz reviewed the following correspondence with the Board:

- On behalf of former employee and Senior Group participant, Carole Blagg (passed away), a thank you note for a donation to “Friends of Sunny Hill”.
- A 2023 Tax Rate Objection Complaint filed against multiple governmental entities, including the Troy Road District.
- Commercial Appeal PTAB for Jewel/Osco Shorewood location – 201 Brook Forest Ave.
- Notice from Pivot Energy / Solar Projects at S. County Line Rd. and Baltz Rd. Short discussion ensued about the development impacts, property tax guidelines for solar farms, and local input.
- 2024 Annual Report from Will County CED
- Shorewood-Troy Library periodical and updates

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE JOHNNIE GREENWOOD – No report.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – Happy St. Patrick’s Day to everyone. Thank you to Admin. Dylik for a thorough presentation again and summarized the majority support by committee on the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget for the Township. New approaches to Emergency & Catastrophic funds for residents to apply for, as well as a directive of a Social Services type Committee to oversee ongoing efforts.

TRUSTEE JERRY NUDERA – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward presented the following:

- Right-of-way tree trimming is ongoing.
- Transitioning crew and equipment to switch focus from snow removal to seasonal roadwork
- March 25th is the target date for the I-80 “tunnel construction” work affecting the service road.

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

- Staff are still awaiting the final assessment factor from the S.O.A. They are lacking information from the State levels.
- Chief Deputy is focused on “new construction” figures for the first deadline of June 13th and/or the second deadline on September 8th.
- Staff is working on sales ration studies for neighborhoods to determine if they can handle the tentative increase.
- Only 20 of 50 neighborhoods reviewed can handle the impact of the proposed factor increase. It is our intention to lower base assessment values for better alignment with the percentage increase.
- Field Staff was out three days in the past week with the good weather.
- Interviews will be scheduled soon for summer intern applicants. Five candidates reached out.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Larry Ryan - No report.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Dawn Damiani – No report. Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

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SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported on the following:

- The programs offered at the Shorewood-Troy Library are vast for all age groups.
- A swearing-in ceremony is planned/scheduled for elected officials on May 19th prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Chief Judge Dan Kennedy will be administering the oath of office.

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

- Distributed a summary of Township Services administered for February 2025.
- Attended the Metro Twp. Association (MTA) training on Contracting Delivery of Social Services. Subject matter covered allowable services, needs analysis, and application processes. This will aid with Township offerings such as Thriveworks, Meals-on-Wheels, and Catastrophic Assistance.
- The MTA Lobby Day this Wednesday includes appointments with Senators Ventura and Cappel, and Representative Manley. State Reps Benton and Walsh have not confirmed yet. Trustee Nudera will also attend to discuss the positive aspects & services that Troy Township provides.
- Representatives from Aflac, Voya, One Digital (health), and IMRF will present this week to our Staff. This is an annual event aimed at awareness and offerings to and for employees.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Baltz presented the following items:

- a) Approval of **Resolution 24-25R-13 - A Resolution to Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government.**

Admin. Dylik commented on the Governor's intent with SB2504, SB2217, & HB 2515 to eliminate, consolidate, and/or merge Townships into County governance. She further gave examples such as 72,000 road miles, 12,000 bridges, lowest debt and expense per capita, low voter approvals, no supporting cost decrease studies, etc. to support the need. Troy Twp. currently does not have any debt to service.

No other discussion or concerns were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve **Resolution 24-25R-13** as presented.

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

- b) Approval **Resolution 24-25R-14 – Transfer of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2025 – Road and Bridge Fund.**

Admin. Dylik commented on the Fiscal Year ending March 31st for all the funds. She has been working closely with Supervisor Baltz, Assessor Anderson, & Hghwy. Comm. Ward to finalize all budget line items in need of adjustment. These adjusting entries/transfers are minor and involve a total of \$10,455.00 from line item 5830, spread amongst several accounts.

No other discussion or concerns were presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Kopman to approve **Resolution 24-25R-14** as presented.

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

- c) Approval **Resolution 24-25R-15 – Transfer of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2025 – General Town Fund including Assessor's Budget.**

Administrator Dylik reported funds totaling \$23,750 from line items 5800 and 5930 will be distributed amongst several accounts.

No other discussion or concerns were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve **Resolution 24-25R-15** as presented.

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

- d) Approve the **Agenda for the April 8, 2025, Annual Town Meeting**.
Clerk Ryan commented on a few key points: Financial Reports for the Township and Road District, Disposition of Surplus Items, Monetary support from the General Town Fund to the Road District for leaf removal, and Opposition to Township consolidation into County Govt. No other discussion or concerns were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve **Agenda for the April 8, 2025, Annual Town Meeting**. Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.
- e) **Travel Approval for Administrator Jennifer Dylik** for the Metropolitan Township Association Lobby Day on **March 19, 2025** – Approval for One Night Hotel Stay at \$139.00/night pre-tax, and allowable Meal Per Diems for March 19th & 20th.
No other discussion or concerns were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to **approve the Lobby Day Travel Expenses for Administrator Dylik on March 19, 2025**, as presented.
Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.
- f) **Travel Approval for Trustee Jerry Nudera** for the Metropolitan Township Association Lobby Day on March 19, 2025 - Approval for One Night Hotel Stay at \$139.00/night pre-tax, and allowable Meal Per Diems for March 19th totaling \$55.00.
No other discussion or concerns were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to **approve the Lobby Day Travel Expenses for Trustee Nudera**, as presented.
Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Abstain; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Supervisor Baltz submitted the following bills for approval:

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **March 17, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$21,840.63**. After review, no other questions were presented.

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

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **March 17, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$80.00**. No other questions or discussions were presented.

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

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Nudera to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **March 17, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$41,059.78**. After review, no other questions were presented.

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

CLOSED SESSION: No items presented for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Balz 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) Election Day – Tuesday, April 1, 2025.
- C) Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
- D) The Troy Township Offices, Community Center, and Highway Department will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2025, for Good Friday.
- E) Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, April 21, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Admin. Dylik added the “Public Hearings” on the Budget will be at 7:00pm, and the Board Meeting immediately after.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:53p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ryan, Clerk