

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN ELECTORS

April 8, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Jennifer Dyluk reported that she has received a written request from Clerk Larry Ryan for her to act as Deputy Clerk and preside over the Annual Town Meeting. Clerk Larry Ryan was unable to attend due to medical reasons.

Deputy Clerk Jennifer Dyluk called the 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Troy Township to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2025. The pledge to the flag was recited.

Deputy Clerk Jennifer Dyluk 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 20, 2025, 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).

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

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

Deputy Clerk Jennifer Dyluk 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 9, 2024, Annual Town meeting be approved. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Jerry Nudera made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dan Gorog. 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. Approve a Transfer of Excess Funds Totaling \$10,000.00 from the General Town Fund (Township) to the General Road Fund (Road District) for the Purpose of Assisting to Fund the Leaf Vacuuming Program in Unincorporated Troy Township. (via resolution 25-26ER-02)
- g. Approve Electors' Resolution 25-26ER-01 A Resolution to Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government.
- h. Motion to Pay Moderator
- i. Town Meeting Announcement

Township Administrator Jennifer Dylík announced to the Moderator 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, 2025, 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 Dylík gave a summary of the past year for the Township (attached).

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

Assessor Kim Anderson reported that there were no surplus items for the Assessor Department. Highway Commissioner Ward reported that there were no surplus items for the Highway Department. Administrator Jennifer Dylík reported that there were no surplus items for the Supervisor's Department.

Moderator Kopman presented the Resolution for the Transfer of Excess Funds Totaling \$10,000.00 from the General Town Fund (Township) to the General Road Fund (Road District) for the Purpose of Assisting to Fund the Leaf Vacuuming Program in Unincorporated Troy Township. Motion made by Jason Cox; seconded by Jerry Nudera to approve the Resolution for the Transfer of Excess Funds Totaling \$10,000.00 from the General Town Fund (Township) to the General Road Fund (Road District) for the Purpose of Assisting to Fund the Leaf Vacuuming Program in Unincorporated Troy Township. Motion carried.

Moderator Kopman presented the Resolution to Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government. Motion made by Dawn Damiani; seconded by Kim Anderson to approve the Resolution Opposing Township Consolidation into County Government. Motion carried.

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 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Moderator Kopman asked for a motion to adjourn. Tom Ward made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Johnnie Greenwood. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ryan Town Clerk by Jennifer Dylík Deputy Clerk

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**175<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting**  
**April 8, 2025**  
**Report from Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz**

As the 2024-2025 fiscal year comes to a close, the Township continues to remain in a very strong financial position. Again, all three funds have performed better than budgeted with the Town Fund and Road Fund adding to its total fund balance.

In summary:

- The Road and Bridge Fund budgeted for a fund balance decrease of \$963,105.00 but ended the year with a fund balance increase of \$299,369.28.
- The General Assistance Fund budgeted for a fund balance decrease of \$22,092.00 but ended the year with a fund balance decrease of \$7,440.02.
- The General Town Fund budgeted for a fund balance increase of \$53,117.00 but ended the year with a fund balance increase of \$390,033.96.

In addition to several budgeted expense items coming in under budget, the Township received a \$270,000 grant from the State of Illinois. This grant, which was equally divided between the Town Fund and Road Fund, was a reimbursement for capital improvements made to each entity's building in the previous fiscal year(s). The exact timing of the receipt of these funds was unknown and therefore not budgeted, leading both funds to exceed their budgeted revenue projections.

Our Road District was also the recipient of \$400,000 in ARPA grant funds which allowed us to complete the complete stormwater draining improvements in the Ron Lee Estates subdivision in the early summer of 2024.

The Road District's Shepley Road Bridge over the DuPage River replacement and realignment project is still working through the start of Phase 2 Engineering with IDOT. While this portion of the project is taking longer than anticipated, the project engineers are still anticipating a letting date near August of 2026. Engineers estimate the project cost as an \$8.3 million dollar investment in local road infrastructure improvements.

Our Road District goes above and beyond by performing added services such as the annual spring cleanup, tree branch pickup, leaf pickup, recycling drop-off, and branch drop-off. They do all of this in addition to taking care of our township roads. Thank you, Highway Commissioner Ward and your crew, for all that you do. As always, job well done.

Here locally, road projects were and continue to be in abundance as IDOT is conducting a significant amount of infrastructure improvements in the Rt. 59 / I-55 / I-80 Corridor. Recent, ongoing, and upcoming projects include:

- River Road Bridge over I80 was replaced in 2024.
- I55 at IL59 diverging diamond interchange and connection into the Rock Run Crossing Development is now open.
- Widening of the W. Frontage Road viaduct under I-80 (heading to the Camelot subdivision) began in the fall of 2024 and will be completed during the 2025 construction season. Improvements will include increased width, draining improvements, and additional lighting.
- I-80 improvements from Ridge Road to Rt. 30 in New Lenox, increasing to 3 lanes in both directions in ongoing.

- Intersection improvements at Rt. 52 and County Line Road are in Phase 2 engineering. A roundabout design is IDOT's preferred alternative for those improvements.

Our Assessor's Department completed their assessment software conversion to AIMS. Even with all of the extra work that comes along with a major system conversion, staff still assisted 857 taxpayers with exemption paperwork. Troy Township is now ranked 5th highest for assessed value amongst all Will County Townships with a total of 20,405 parcels (parcel count lower than 2024 due to the voided pins and consolidations) at a value of \$7,176,904,098 in market value/2,392,301,468 in assessed value. Managing that number of parcels at that value is no small task. Thank you to Assessor Anderson and her staff for all of your hard work and extra efforts. You should all be commended.

For general operations at the Township the 2024-2025 fiscal year was another productive and very busy year.

The popularity of our Wednesday/Friday senior program continues to grow. Through our partnership with Meals on Wheels we are a congregate meal site, and our staff served 3,360 meals (dine-in and take home) during the past fiscal year.

In the fall of 2024, staff assisted 3,802 voters during the two weeks of early voting for the presidential election; followed with another 292 voters for the spring 2025 consolidated election.

During the 2023-2024 fiscal we experienced a significant increase in inquiries (calls or walk-ins) for financial assistance, jumping from 31 to 190; a 513% increase. For 2024-2025 we did see a slight 20% decrease in inquiries, dropping from 190 to 151, this volume is still 387% higher than the level that had been our norm for many years.

In November of 2024, the Township launched its Community Mental Health Program in partnership with Thriveworks. Township residents can now get counseling and psychiatry services at Thriveworks, and the Township will pay any cost not covered by insurance and all costs for any uninsured/self-pay residents. Subject to annual funding limitations.

Also, towards the end of 2024, the Township and Road District launched our Community Alert Network. Hosted by Everbridge and in partnership with Will County, we are now able to send notices, announcements, and emergency alerts to residents who opt-into the program. Residents can choose to be notified by text message, email, or phone call. This solution was suggested during our Decennial Committee meetings, and we are excited to offer this improved method of communication to our residents.

Thank you to the staff of the Supervisor's office for their hard work running the day-to-day operations including but not limited to payroll, HR, benefits, record keeping, financial reporting, grant reporting, keeping up with building and grounds maintenance, and running programs like our Wednesday/Friday seniors, micro pantry, durable medical equipment, early voting, and more.

Lastly, I will close with may same comments as last year:

I truly believe Troy Township is the best township around thanks to our hard working and dedicated staff; backed by the support and guidance of our elected officials. Thank you all for what you do to make Troy Township a great place to call home.