

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, May 19, 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 Collector, Dawn Damiani.

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	
Administrator Jennifer Dylík	Collector Dawn Damiani	

- Hwy Commissioner Thomas R. Ward unable to attend and submitted a report.

GUESTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A) Supervisor Baltz presented the minutes from **April 21, 2025, Public Hearing (Budget)**, for approval. No further discussion or items were presented, and a motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the **MINUTES** of **April 21, 2025, Public Hearing**.

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

- B) Supervisor Baltz presented the minutes from **April 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**, for approval. No further discussion or items were presented, and a motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve the minutes from **April 21, 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 **April 30, 2025**, was placed on file by Supervisor Baltz. Admin. Dylík stated there are now four columns in the report with the addition of the Capital Project Funds. Clerk Ryan inquired if these funds are "restricted" in nature, and Dylík confirmed and stated the fund account remains the same with new classification. A motion was made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Kopman to accept the **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ending **April 30, 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:

- Notice from the City of Joliet regarding an “annexation” agreement for 824 Gael Dr.
- Plainfield-Shorewood Area Chamber of Commerce periodical
- 2024 Troy Fire Protection District Annual Report for 2024.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE JOHNNIE GREENWOOD – No report.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – Extending Happy Memorial Day wishes. Shared a thank you to Supervisor Baltz and Staff for lining up Judge Daniel Kennedy for the swearing in ceremony. Commented on the great job Judge Kennedy did with the officials, friends, and family.

TRUSTEE JERRY NUDERA – Extending a thank you to Admin. Dylik and Staff for the wonderful setup and preparation at the earlier swearing-in ceremony.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Commented about the Health Insurance Committee and upcoming renewals. The next committee meeting is set for June 16th at 5:30pm and will include a presentation and comparison of sliding scales, percentages of earnings & premiums, potential budget savings, and “actual” Health Insurance expenditures. Overview of BCBS’ current success and the support from the Agency. Given the “employee group” size, it is difficult to solicit competitive premium quotes, and this contributes to the 11% increase in premium. Employee Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) remained at the 2024-25 levels of \$2,200 (Individual), \$4,400 (Spouse/Dependent), \$6,600 (Family). Stated that the 15% employee contribution rate for addition of dependents (% of increase in premium) is set too low in comparison to industry standard. To be discussed at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Admin. Dylik presented the report submitted by Highway Commissioner Ward:

- The Shepley Rd. asphalt overlay and 60” storm pipe project was awarded to Austin Tyler Const. and is set to begin in June 2025.
- Asphalt grind and overlays are planned for Murphy Acres. Drainage enhancement in progress prior to the paving.
- Drainage work and culvert replacements are ongoing throughout the Township.
- Looking forward to the Single Waste Hauler initiative to go to referendum on the ballot soon.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Assessor Anderson presented the following:

- Thank you to Judge Daniel Kennedy for the swearing-in ceremonies and the room set-up by Orianna, Cindy & Jen.
- The Supervisor of Assessments sent a “revised” factor again, which was initially projected at 13.53%, lowered to 6.55%, and revised to 6.62%. Our office Staff is experiencing “crunch time” with the deadline for completion of work on June 13th.
- On April 29th the Will County Supervisor of Assessments held an exemption event at the Township and assisted approximately 200 people. Troy Staff has assisted approximately 290 people for a total of 490. These numbers are consistent with past years. The exemptions vary from Seniors, Disabled, Veterans, etc.
- Field Staff Coordinator, Alyssa Enix, just graduated from JJC with a focus on law enforcement. She will likely be leaving in the fall if able to get into a Police Academy and pursue full-time employment.

- Discussion ensued about the flex offices and spare offices utilized without bringing the public through the Assessor's office. It provides a neutral and private setting for assisting constituents.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Larry Ryan did not present a formal report. Would like to congratulate fellow Board Members on the recent election. Extended gratitude to Judge Dan Kennedy, and for the well-organized ceremony executed by Jen and the Staff. It made everyone in attendance feel "right at home".

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Dawn Damiani – No report but extended a thank you to Jen and Staff for the welcoming set-up at the ceremony. Congratulations to all the Board members as well.

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

- Thank you to Jen and Staff for the great set-up of the Community Center.
- Looking forward to serving another four years with a talented group of Board Members. Since serving on the Board from 1984 to present, this group stands out with a caring and dedicated approach.
- Thank you to Chief Judge Dan Kennedy for administering the oath of office. Dan has been a longtime Troy Township resident and was complimentary of the festivities and group of people.

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

- Coordinating effort with Cindy Stasell to set a date for an upcoming Social Services Committee meeting. Tentatively in the next 30 days.
- The Township Services report distributed for April 2025, and extended a thank you to those who participated in the Shredding Event. 286 cars came through.
- Content and topic suggestions for the Fall Newsletter should be submitted to Cindy Stasell.
- The registration for the TOI Annual Conference in Springfield is open. The dates are November 10th-12th.
- The Supervisor's Department intern, through the Will County CED Summer Program, will start on Tuesday, May 27th. Taea Gusman is a recent graduate from Joliet West and will attend U of I this fall. For a 10-week period, she will work 16-20 hours per week. Duties include assisting with the general operation of our Wednesday/Friday senior programming and transcribing our oldest township records.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Baltz presented the following:

- a) Approve an **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Troy Township and the Troy Township Road District for the Township to transfer \$10,000 to the Road District to Support Leaf Vacuuming Services** in the unincorporated areas for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, ending March 31, 2026. Admin. Dylik relayed this reworked approval was better aligned with ILCS and with concise application. No other discussion or concerns were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the **IGA between Troy Township and the Troy Twp. Road District**, as presented.
Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Baltz presented the following items:

- a) Approve the renewal of the Township's **Health Insurance Plan G5K10PT** with Blue Cross Blue Shield at an 11% premium increase for **Coverage Effective July 1, 2025, to June 20, 2026**. Discussion and deliberation were covered at the Committee and during Trustee Wheeler's report. A motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve **Health Insurance Plan G5K10PT with BCBS** as presented. No other concerns were presented.

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

- b) Approve the renewal of the Township's **Dental Insurance Plan with Delta Dental** at a 3% premium increase for **Coverage Effective July 1, 2025, with a 2-year rate guarantee**. Trustee Wheeler commented that the 3% increase was fair and minimal based upon historical rates. A motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the **Delta Dental coverage effective July 1, 2025, with a 2-year rate guarantee**, 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 of the Township Clerk, Larry Ryan, **appointing Jennifer Dylik as Deputy Clerk**. A motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve the **appointment of Jennifer Dylik to serve the role of Deputy Clerk**. No other discussion or concerns were presented, and Jennifer accepted with joy. Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- d) Administer the Oath of Office to Deputy Clerk Jennifer Dylik.
No other action, concerns, or discussion were presented.

(A) APPROVAL of BILLS: Supervisor Baltz submitted the following bills for approval:

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **May 19, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$410,154.11**. 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 May 19, 2025, as presented totaling **\$155.69**. 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 Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **May 19, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$38,028.75**. 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.

(A) APPROVAL of THRIVEWORKS Expenditures

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to accept **the THRIVEWORKS Invoice #1 for April 3, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$441.00**. No other discussion or 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 Nudera to accept **the THRIVEWORKS Invoice #2 for May 5, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$1,004.85**. No other discussion or 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) The Township Offices, Community Center, and Highway Dept. will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, for Memorial Day.
- B) Health Insurance Committee Meeting – Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:30pm.
- C) Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, June 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Wheeler, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:45p.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