

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026
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 Nick Surges	Collector Dawn Damiani
Highway Comm. Thomas R. Ward	Administrator Jennifer Dylak	

GUESTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Baltz presented the minutes from **April 20, 2026, Public Hearing** (Budget Appropriation Ordinances) at **7:00pm**, and the **Regular Board Meeting** at **7:10pm**, for approval.

Public Hearing Minutes

No further discussion or items were presented, and a motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve the minutes from **April 20, 2026, Public Hearing at 7:00pm.**

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

Regular Board Mtg. Meetings

No further discussion, and a motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the minutes from **April 20, 2026, Regular Board Mtg. at 7:10pm.**

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, 2026**, was placed on file by Supervisor Baltz. A motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to accept the **Treasurer’s Report for the month ending April 30, 2026**, as presented.

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

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

- The CLARKE Mosquito Report for Spring 2026

- Willett-Hoffman (WH) engineer Doug Brunnot update on the Shepley Rd. Bridge Project. Phase 2 includes a “Tree Study” for the Will County Forest Preserve District (WCFPD). Discussion included the following:
 - Admin. Dylik & Hghwy. Comm. Ward confirming a WCFPD requirement for a “tree study” to initiate any work with the District. Both questioned WH stance that previous WCFPD reps waived this study, and the questioned the value of the “junk/scrap” tree species.
 - Trustee Nudera compared the 8-year process on Shepley Bridge Project with no physical build, vs. Shorewood’s 3-year timeframe on the Seil Bridge already in progress. Supv. Baltz relayed the sheer number of 7-8 entities in the equation (i.e., ComEd, NICOR, WCFPD, etc.) for the Shepley project.
 - Trustee Kopman inquired if the Admin. & Supv. had contact with Will Cty. Board members with ties to the Forest Preserve. It was noted the tree study is mandatory and they have reached out to Board Members. Ward confirmed for Clerk Ryan the WCFPD currently does not intend to contribute to additional costs associated with bike path construction or canoe launch improvements.
- Village of Shorewood 2025 Drinking Water Report
- Plainfield/Shorewood Chamber of Commerce Spring 2026, TOI Perspective March and IL Municipal League (IML) April periodicals

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE JOHNNIE GREENWOOD – No report.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – No formal report but extended a Happy Memorial Day to everyone.

TRUSTEE JERRY NUDERA – Reported on recent trip to Springfield with the Metro Twp. Assoc. Meeting with IL House Reps Benton, Manley, & Walsh, and IL Senate Leaders Curran & Rezin. Topics included local issues with governance and residential density legislation. Discussion ensued with requests from Rep. Manley on “speed-bump” in the Rooney Heights Subd. Hghwy. Comm. Ward was not in favor due to added liability, warning signage, and genuine lack of speed enforcement from the Sheriff’s Office. Attended a May 15 Illinois Township Attorney Association training event at Hanover Twp., Barlett, IL.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Announced Health Committee recommendations and review will fall under “New Business.”

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward presented the following:

- There are currently two additional “solar farm” developments in progress within the Township. “Road Use” agreements with the developers are in progress with Admin. Dylik & our legal firm.
- Austin-Tyler Const. completed the asphalt overlay project on Rock Run Dr. & County Farm Rd.
- Willett-Hoffman completed Phase 2 plans for Ron Lee Subdivision Storm Projects.
- Temporary closure of Sarver Dr. at Seil Rd. due to pending NICOR work and Seil Rd. improvements at the intersection.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Assessor Nick Surges presented the following:

- April 28, 2026 – Exemption Event held at the Community Ctr. and local departments from the Will County S.O.A., Dial-A-Ride, Clerk’s Office, and Honor Flight Chicago all attended. Approximately 200 people attended, which exceeded an average of 80, and reflected a positive community outreach.
- Since the Board Meeting in April, an additional 200+ exemptions have been completed. 2025 Exemptions can still be completed with a “certificate of error”.
- Staff priorities are focused on new construction properties and sales studies as the books remain open.
- May 1st is the target mailing date for 2026 Tax Bills based upon the 2025 Levy Year. First installment is due June 1st and the second installment is due September 1st. The Will Cty. Treasurer’s Office is in charge of the collection and distribution of tax bill payments.

Trustee Kopman inquired about the timing of the event vs. tax bill mailings. Surges confirmed the event was a week before tax bills were mailed and said there has been an uptick in calls, office visits, and Staff has been able to handle all taxpayer customer service issues while utilizing open office space and delegating office staff to address any issues.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Ryan presented the following updates:

- Reiterated the MTA Lobby discussion points of development issues such as taxpayer monies already spent on long-term plans & proposals. The Troy Twp. corridor (especially County Line Rd.) has an abundance of developmental potential that needs local oversight and input. Feels at the State level these issues are simply ignored and overlooked.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Collector Damiani commented on the following:

- Recently attended a public forum/open house that only provided a basic "Agenda" without much informational handouts or outreach. For example, the One Troy/One Hauler outreach and educational displays were above and beyond the event she witnessed.

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

- The recent attendance at lobby days, local issues impacting Twp. taxpayers, and Community Center events certainly highlight the following: Interoffice teamwork amongst the Assessor's and Town side to address people's needs in a timely manner. Commending all departments, and it demonstrates the Troy Twp. commitment to assist taxpayers efficiently.

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

- Presented the Township Services report for this past month. Additions to the report include: Access Will Cty. Dial-a-Ride program with details of ridership for Troy Township & others.
- May 2nd Shredding Event & Medication Disposal saw 262 vehicles participate. Commending the community/family effort was attended by Assessor Surges, Trustees Greenwood, Kopman, & Nudera, Clerk Ryan, and Staff members Cindy Stasell, Jen Dylík, Oriana Bravato. Family members volunteering included Kimmy Kopman (and friend), Cate Ryan, and Julie (Dylík's sister).
- MTA Lobby Day in Springfield – attended with Trustee Nudera & Clerk Ryan. Discussion with IL House Reps Benton, Manley, and Walsh included topics such as minimal cost impact with Township Services, sustainable school funding without total reliance on general property taxes and preserving local control over planning and development. Local control specifically related to housing (density), solar projects, data centers, and other community impacts.
- Senior Program highlights included 375 meals in April, and a May 6th Kentucky Derby party. The party was inter-active and involved "seated races," and several attendees dressed for the occasion.
- Esha R., summer intern, will start May 26th. Duties will include greeting & directing visitors, assisting with Wednesday/Friday Senior Programs, and the scanning & transcribing of old Twp. records.
- Work is starting on the fall 2025 Troy Township Communicators. Watch your email for a message from Cindy Stasell regarding content.
- TOI Annual Conference in Springfield will be held Monday, November 9th to Wednesday, November 11th. Collector Damiani, Cindy Stasell, and Dylík are registered to attend.

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:

- a) Approve **Renewal of the Township's Health Insurance Plan G5K10PT with Blue Cross Blue Shield at a 7.13% Premium Increase and add the HMO Plan P506PSN (no HRA) as an Option for Coverage both with Effective Dates of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.** Trustee Wheeler, Chairman of the Health Insurance Committee, summarized the recent Committee meeting and the Committee's decision to recommend the renewal of the existing plan and the addition of an

HMO option. The HMO option offers savings in premium and HRA costs for the Township and a saving in monthly contribution amounts for the employee. Motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve the renewal of BCBS PPO plan and the additions of the BCBS HMO plan (no HRA) as presented.

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

b) Approve **Employee and Elected Officials Health, Dental, and Vision Contribution Percentages** Effective July 1, 2026. Trustee Wheeler summarized the changes that included:

- creation of a wage tire seven for wages \$85,000.00 to \$94,999.99 with a contribution percentage of 21.5%.
- a change to the dependent contribution percentage (for PPO, Dental, Vision) in tier 5, 6, and 7 to be increased from 15% and now equal to the employee's individual percentage for that respective tier.
- HMO contributions are 0% for individual coverage, and a tiered percentage by wage for dependent coverage. Dyluk explained possible savings for the Township and employees.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Kopman to approve the contribution rates as presented.

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

c) Approve the **Renewal of the Township and Road District Insurance with the Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association (TOIRMA)** Effective June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027, with an Annual Premium of \$46,040.00. Trustee Kopman inquired about a comparison of premium Vs. last year's policy. Admin. Dyluk reported that the cost came in within the planned budget increase but slightly over for the Road District necessitating the proposed budget transfer in New Business item E. Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve **TOIRMA Renewal for the Township & 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

d) Approve the Renewal **of the General Assistance Medical Assistance Catastrophic Insurance (MACI)** Effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, with an Annual Premium of \$4,032.00. Admin. Dyluk presented the coverage types & limits, as well as the deductible application. Trustee Wheeler inquired about history of similar type claim. None were noted. Motion made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the **General Assistance MACI Policy** as presented.

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

e) Approve **Resolution 26-27R-05** – Transfer of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2027 – Road and Bridge Fund. Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve Resolution **26-27R-05** as presented.

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

f) Approve **Resolution 26-27R-06** – Freedom of Information Act Resolution. Admin Dyluk reported that Assessor Nick Surges is being named as the primary FOIA Officer for the Assessor's Department with Rhianna Korst, Chief Deputy Assessor, as the secondary FOIA Officer. Dyluk remains as primary FOIA officer for Town and R&B with Cindy Stasell as the secondary FOIA Officer. Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the **Resolution 26-27R-06** as presented.

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

- g) Approve **Ordinance 26-27-07** – An Ordinance Establishing and Adopting a Fund Balance Policy for Troy Township, Will County, Illinois. Admin Dyluk reported that Lauterbach and Amen (Township auditors) requested the Township’s Fund Balance Policy during the 2024-2025 fiscal year audit. Admin. Not having one, Dyluk and Supervisor Baltz worked with the Twp Attorney Ross Secler to create one. The policy was presented to the Board, discussion included the types of funds, proposed balances by fund, etc. Questions were raised regarding previously approved policies/resolutions regarding fund balances (none were reported), what months of reserve are the norm, and state statute limitations.

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to postpone the matter pending Finance Committee Review and Recommendation of the **Ordinance 26-27-07** as presented.
Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried

- h) Approve the **Travel Expenses for Clerk Larry Ryan** attending the Metropolitan Township Association Lobby Day on May 7, 2026 – Approval for One Night Hotel Stay at \$169.00/Night Pre-Tax., Meal Per Diems Totaling \$55.00, and Mileage Reimbursement Totaling \$233.45. Motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Kopman to **Approve the Travel Expenses for Clerk Ryan**, as presented.
Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- i) Approve the **Travel Expenses for Employee Rhianna Korst** for the Illinois Property Assessment Institute Class “Land Valuation” June 1, 2026, and June 2, 2026 – Approval for Two Nights Hotel Stay at \$135.15 for one night and \$152.15 for the second night. Motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the **Travel expenses** for Rhianna Korst, as presented.
Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- j) Approve the **Travel Expenses for Employee Rhianna Korst** for the Illinois Property Assessment Institute Class “RETDs from Township to State” July 15, 2026, and July 16, 2026 – Approval for Two Nights Hotel Stay at \$161.00 for one night and \$166.00 for the second night. Motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the **Travel Expenses for Rhianna Korst**, as presented.
Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- k) Approve the **Travel Expenses for Employee Bonnie Ketter** for the Illinois Property Assessment Institute Class “Intro to Residential Assessment Practices” June 24, 2026, to June 26, 2026 – Approval for Three Nights Hotel Stay at \$149.00 for one night and \$169.00 for the second and third night. Motion was made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the **Travel Expenses for Bonnie Ketter**, as presented.
Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

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

A) May 18, 2026, Bill Sheets:

- i. Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR’S BILLS** for **May 18, 2026**, as presented totaling **\$459,677.58**. 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.

- ii. No **TOWN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BILLS** were presented for **May 18, 2026**.
- iii. Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **May 18, 2026**, as presented totaling **\$4,062.23**. 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.
- iv. Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **May 18, 2026**, as presented totaling **\$200,649.90**. 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.

B) APPROVAL of THRIVEWORKS Expenditures

- Motion made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **THRIVEWORKS** expenditures for **May 18, 2026**, as presented totaling **\$132.57**. 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 Baltz presented the following announcements:

- A) Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
- B) The Township Offices, Community Center, and Road District will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:34p.m. All were in favor (no roll call vote).

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ryan, Clerk