Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, October 19, 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 Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Jason Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

Supervisor/Larry Ryan – Present	Trustee Jason Cox - Present
Trustee Johnnie Greenwood – Present	Trustee Byran Kopman- Absent
Trustee Brett Wheeler – Absent	

Quorum is established.

Also, in attendance:

Clerk Jerry Nudera	Assessor Nick Surges	Collector Dawn Damiani
Highway Comm. Thomas R. Ward	Administrator Jennifer Dylik	

GUESTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Ryan presented the minutes from **September 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting** for approval. No further discussion or items were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Cox; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the minutes from **September 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting** as presented.

Roll call vote: Cox -Aye; Greenwood-Aye; Kopman- Absent; Wheeler-Absent, Supervisor Ryan-Aye. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The **Treasurer's Report** for the month ending **September 30, 2026**, was placed on file by Supervisor Ryan. A motion was made by Trustee Cox; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2026,** as presented.

Roll call vote: Cox- Aye; Greenwood-Aye; Kopman- Absent; Wheeler-Absent; Supervisor Ryan-Aye. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

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

- Clark Mosquito monthly report.
- IL Municipal League (IML)
    - Supervisor Ryan discussed two articles addressing;
        - Number of municipalities in the State, their population, employment and revenues
        - The State's attempting to strip local government of their control in development
- TOI Perspective

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE JASON COX – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHNNIE GREENWOOD – No report.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – Absent

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER –Absent

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward presented the following:

- Good weather has allowed for completion of culvert replacement and black top.
- Oct 19, 2026, ended branch pick-up. However, will immediately begin leaf service.
- Truste Greenwood questioned two (2) major items in the September Bills.
  (1) Wetland credit. Wetland credits had to be purchased per State regulation for wetlands that will be utilized in the Shepley Road Bridge Project. Administrator Dylik advised that the Township will be reimbursed through Federal Grant Funding, as well as and the County's portion.
  (2) Paint Works- Bill of $29, 000.00 for painting the machine shed. Highway Commissioner Ward advised over the years the painter kept applying paint to the structure. During this period, moisture got into the layers of paint and caused nails to pop. The machine shed was repaired and painted. Problems were found on the salt shed. The fuel pumps were also painted.

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

- Appeals with the Will County Board of Review continue through the month. There have been 53 appeals in Troy Township to date.
- All appeals are being evaluated and settled or defended as appropriate. Appeal hearings run through November.
- Updates with the $100,000.00 plus EVA appeals; 11.364 million in the EAV were appealed on twelve (12) properties. Six (6) have been finalized, two (2) stipulations and four (4) have withdrawn, for a total reduction of $279,000.00.
- Supervisor Ryan asked Assessor Surges to explain a stipulation and a withdrawal. Assessor Surges replied that a stipulation is an agreement between his office and the appellants. Withdraw, the appellant decides not to continue with their appeal. Withdraws cannot appeal again for 2026, even at the State level. These are very good results for the Township. Appeals are close to being finalized and are expected to be completed by the November meeting.
- October is the final month to complete 2025 exemptions.
- 2026 exemption applications are still open until October of 2027.
- He and staff continue to assist residents with exemptions during normal business hours. No appointment is necessary.
- Clerk Ryan questioned if the appeals received are all for residential properties. Assessor Surges believed about 14 properties were commercial; the remainder were residential properties.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Nudera reported the following;

- On September 29, 2026, Community Service Director Stasell, Collector Damiani and Clerk Nudera attended the 2026 Township Symposium sponsored by the Metro Township Association. There were a series of break-out sessions including FOIA, Introduction of Township Foundations and Senior Services. Information on Township Foundations was useful and presented a base for possibly establishing future foundations within Troy Township.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Collector Damiani – No report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Ryan discussed the following.

- The 2026 Levy Proposal is available for the Town Fund and Road District including the Assessor and General Assistance. Supervisor Ryan thanked the Department Heads, Highway Commissioner Ward, Assessor Surges and Administrator Dylik for their great work in preparing the levy proposal.
- A meeting of the Finance Committee will be scheduled prior to the November Township Board Meeting to discuss the Levy.
- Regarding the Community Center; he has had meetings with Administrator Dylik and staff to identify items that need updates. The building is getting older. Some plumbing repairs by C.R. Leonard have been completed. There are a few issues with the valves for the fire suppression system. All the RPZ were refurbished with new gaskets, springs and seats. Galvanized piping was removed. The generator and components were repainted. Several trees need to be removed due to interference with drainage and the water main. The ADA ramps were removed and replaced and are now in compliance. The bi-fold doors in the community room are also in need of service.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported the following;

- A copy of the 2026 Levy Proposal has been given to the Trustees. A PDF of the Levy will be available.
- 239 people attended the Shredding Event. Thank you to all the volunteers.
- Early Voting began today (October 19, 2026) and will run from 9:00A – 3:00P Monday-Friday until October 30, 2026. There were 245 early voters today.
- Central Will Dial-A-Ride Program merged with the Access Will Ride Program on January 1, 2026. The IGA with Will County stated; for year one (2026) the Central Dial-A-Ride Program members would pay 100% of the cost of service. In 2027 the cost for members will be reduced to 80% with remaining 20% paid by Will County. The IGA had a limit on the amount that the Central Will Partners would contribute in any calendar year for the program. The cap was set at $325,000.00 collectively, for the Central Will partners. The Central Will Partners reached the cap in August. This is reflected in the invoice submitted. Will County will be responsible for the remainder of the billing for 2026. Beginning in January 2027 billing will begin. The first scheduled invoice will arrive in April 2027 for January 2027 service.
- The Senior Holiday Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 9, 2026, at the Township Community Center.
- The Troy Township Office and Highway Department Holiday Luncheon will be Thursday, December 17, 2026, from 12:00P – 1:300P.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Discussion and Possible Approval of **Authorized Emergency Repairs to the Road Districts Salt Shed by Paint Works at a cost not to exceed $60,000.00**, without advertising for bids.

- Supervisor Ryan discussed the procedure as outlined in the "Laws and Duties Handbook". Anytime there is a purchase for; Township services, materials, equipment or supplies in excess of $30,000.00, can be contracted for in one of the following ways; 1) Contract with the lowest bidder responsible after advertising. 2) Contract let without advertising for bids in case of emergency if authorized by the Township Board. As discussed earlier there were repairs to the machine shed.
- Highway Commissioner Ward advised the Salt Shed was over 50 years old and needed repair. Years of painting and repainting have caused damage to the structure. There are multiple layers

of paint that must be removed and surface underneath repaired. No repairs will be performed on the east and north elevation at this time. The skins on the north and east elevation must be replaced. These should hold through winter. The roof, west and south elevations must be completed this year. Commissioner Ward would like to have repairs completed while the weather is still cooperative. He believes the job will be completed within the week.

- Supervisor Ryan asked that the board declare an emergency and authorized the necessary repairs without bid.
- Trustee Greenwood asked if Commissioner Ward was pleased with the proposed bid? Commissioner Ward responded yes, but he has nothing to compare to. Trustee Greenwood requested that Commissioner Ward keep all documentation showing this repair is an emergency.

A motion was made by Trustee Cox, second by Trustee Greenwood to **Approve Emergency Repairs to the Road Districts Salt Shed by Paint Works at a cost not to exceed $60,000.00**, without advertising for bids pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/85-30(2).

Roll call vote: Cox- Aye; Greenwood-Aye; Kopman- Absent; Wheeler-Absent; Supervisor Ryan-Aye.
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

b) **Travel Approval for Supervisor Larry Ryan-** TOI Annual Conference in Springfield, Illinois, November 9th to 11th, 2026. Approval for two nights hotel stay at $109/night pre-tax, meal per diem totaling $105.00, and mileage reimbursement totaling $244.72 Motion was made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Cox.
Roll call vote: Cox-Aye; Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Absent; Wheeler-Absent; Supervisor Ryan-Aye.
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

c) **Travel Approval for Clerk Jerome A. Nudera; Jr-** TOI Annual Conference in Springfield, Illinois, November 9th to 11th, 2026. Approval for two nights hotel stay at $109/night pre-tax, meal per diem totaling $105.00.. Motion was made by Trustee Cox. Second by Trustee Greenwood.
Roll call vote: Cox-Aye; Greenwood -Aye; Kopman- Absent; Wheeler-Absent; Supervisor Ryan-Aye.
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

d) **Travel Approval for Collector Dawn Daminani -** TOI Annual Conference in Springfield, Illinois, November 9th to 11th, 2026. Approval for two nights hotel stay at $109/night pre-tax, meal per diem totaling $105.00. Motion was made by Trustee Greenwood. Second by Trustee Cox.
Roll call vote: Cox-Aye; Greenwood -Aye; Kopman- Absent; Wheeler-Absent; Supervisor Ryan-Aye.
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL of BILLS: **Supervisor Ryan** submitted the following bills for approval:

A) ~~September 21~~, 2026, Bill Sheets:
October 19

i. Motion made by Trustee Cox; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **October 19, 2026,** as presented, totaling **$33,479.60.** After review, no other questions were presented.
Roll call vote: Cox-Aye; Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Absent; Wheeler-Absent, Supervisor Ryan-Aye
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

ii. Motion by Trustee Greenwood, second by Trustee Cox to accept the **TOWN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BILLS** for **October 19, 2026,** as presented, totaling **$9,287.97.** After review and no other questions were presented.

Roll call vote: Cox-Aye; Greenwood-Aye; Kopman- Absent; Wheeler-Absent; Supervisor Ryan-Aye.
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent-. Motion carried

iii. Motion made by Trustee Cox, seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** were presented for **October 19, 2026,** as presented totaling **$1,230.24.** After review, no other questions were presented.
Roll call vote: Cox-Aye; Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Absent; Wheeler-Absent, Supervisor Ryan-Aye
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

iv. Motion made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Cox to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **October 9, 2026,** as presented totaling **$154,993.04.** After review, no other questions were presented.
Roll call vote: Cox-Aye; Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Absent; Wheeler-Absent; Supervisor Ryan-Aye
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

B) APPROVAL of THRIVEWORKS Expenditures

Motion made by Trustee Cox seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **THRIVEWORKS** expenditures **Invoice #11** dated **October 5, 2026,** as presented totaling **$53.38.**
Roll call vote: Cox-Aye; Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Absent; Wheeler-Absent; Supervisor Ryan-Aye.
3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: No items were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Ryan presented the following announcements:

A) Early Voting at Troy Township: 9am to 3pm, Monday – Friday, October 19, 2026, to October 30, 2026.
B) Troy Township Offices, Community Center, and Highway Department will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, for Veterans Day,
C) Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Trustee Cox; seconded by Trustee Greenwood, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:47 p.m. All were in favor (no roll call vote).

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome A. Nudera, Jr., Clerk

