



## Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

5:45 p.m. – Audit of Township Bills/Claims      Board Room, Milton Township Hall  
6:00 p.m. – Regular Monthly Business Meeting      1492 N. Main Street,  
Wheaton, Illinois, 60187

### MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Mission Moment Reverend Dwight Stewart UMC retired.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance by Debbie
  - C. Attendance Roll Call: Supervisor Higgins Beard, here; Trustee McGowen, here; Trustee McGrath, here; Trustee Siemer, here; Trustee Pitts, here; Clerk Bailey, here.
  - D. Approval of Agenda: Motion, Trustee Siemer; Second, Trustee Pitts; Motion carried.
  - E. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 19, 2026: Motion, Trustee McGrath; Second, Trustee McGowen; Motion passed.
  - F. Approval of Claims in the amount of \$ 780,926.07 (This amount is higher than usual because \$320,000 was sent out as grants by 708 Board). Motion Trustee, Siemer; Second, Trustee McGrath. Roll Call Trustee Pitts, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes. Motion carried.
- II. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes per person, Public called in the order Comment Request was submitted, total allotted time for Public Comment 30 minutes)
- III. Chair's Report
  - A. General Assistance at an all-time high.
  - B. Opportunity Atlas is a map that shows where upward mobility works. There are a couple of places in Milton where it does not work well. Supervisor Higgins-Beard wants to use this to help our more at risk residents.
  - C. Miscellaneous/Other. Lots of notary services calls. League of Women Voters State of the Township meeting. Supervisor's talk was well received. Other community outreach continues. Sikich was hired for FY 26 audit. Budget workshop coming up March 26, 5 pm.
- IV. Reports

- A Town Clerk Report/Comments (Dan Bailey, Clerk) Attended Sec of States trainings for OMA and FOIA and signed up for Town Hall training by TOI on March 31. Preparations under way for Town Hall on April 14, 7 pm at Wheaton Park District Community Center at 1777 S Blanchard Rd. Doors open at 6 pm. Milton registered voters check in to be able to vote. You must be there by 7 to enter.
- B Trustees Report/Comments (Trustees McGowen, Siemer and McGrath did not report, Trustee Pitts reported on SALT last meeting topic was widows and widowers group. Cemeteries. Trees removed in Jewel Grove. Shrubs and understory work in Spring. Jewel Grove will have 250<sup>th</sup> USA Anniversary Event on May 16. Other events at Pleasant Hill and St Stephens.
- C Assessor's Report (Chris LeVan, Assessor is ill. Expect a report next month.)
- D Highway Commission Report (Mike Drew, Highway Commissioner) Appreciates support for referendum that did not pass. Will look at this in the future as the building needs replacement. Looking into a program to replace trees that were taken down, consulting with the Morton Arboretum. GoGuv is working well and will include some services for the township. Wants 1 to 2 open houses a year, possibly a "Touch a Truck".
- E Milton Township Food Pantry Partner (Dave Sezonov, Director) In February 332 households served 1079 individuals, more than 2500lbs food, \$8000 in donations. Garden Works will donate fresh produce from the fairgrounds. Reaching out to community about Pantry such as Rotary and Metropolitan Township Assn. Monday night food pickups are growing. Full meals for Easter will be provided. Milton Dems raised \$1,200 for Pantry.
- F CERT (Dave Sezenov, Director) Last year was very active; 114 days at 75 different events. 9634 volunteer hours worth \$335,000. Point in time homeless count went well. New CERT training starts soon.
- G 708 Community Mental Health Board (Shannon Hartnett, Chair) At start of 2026 \$1.3 million distributed to 26 agencies serving 8,000 residents. Some grants include therapy for at risk homeless vets at Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, the DuPage County Crisis Recovery Center, translation and interpretation at DuPage Federation for Human Services, Kids Matter. New board member Leah Harding, LCSW, comes with great experience as executive director of the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center. Networking happened at the DuPage County Historical Museum.

#### V. Unfinished Business

- A. Presentation on Sikich Investigative Audit FY21-25 Results by Kate Burian. Concerns were raised about previous leaders activities that did not rise to the level of fraud. Assess internal controls to reduce gaps and vulnerability. There were inconsistent invoices, receipts etc. No documentation for transfers, gift cards, open savings accounts etc. Bonds and releases are not up to date. Main concern is the lack of a standard set of policies and procedures to use as a

standard. Recommendations are already being implemented or on the way to being implemented.

VI. New Business

- A. Budget FY26 amendments R-2026-2. Need to move funds so no line exceeds 110% above budget. Motion to resolve and balance funds as per resolution by Trustee Pitts. Second, Trustee McGrath. Roll call Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Trustee Pitts, yes; Supervisor Higgins- Beard, yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Agenda for Annual meeting April 14 There are 3 main things (note that there are 4)
1. Authorization of Powers for Township and Highway Commissioner
  2. Fix the hour of future township meetings.
  3. Supervisors report on Township Finances
  4. Transfer some excess funds into a capital fund as opposed to abated, or tax appealed.
- Motion to accept the agenda by Trustee Siemer, Second, Trustee Pitts. All in favor Agenda is approved.
- C. Discussion on existing Policy for the Bond Surrender for Highway Projects. A lot of change in accountants left some lack of follow-up.
- D. Resolution Establishing a Fund Balance Reserve Policy R-2026-3. Target of 6 months spending reserve on hand. Too much accumulates in Funds which can result in abatement to other government bodies, a lawsuit to give the excess to the attorney and client or we can transfer excess to another fund. Motion, Trustee Pitts; Second, Trustee Siemer. Roll call: Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Trustee Pitts, yes; Supervisor Higgins- Beard, yes. Motion passes.

VII. Adjournment: Motion, Trustee Mc Grath, Second, Trustee Pitts. Vote to adjourn at 7:02.

Signed: *Dan Bailey*

Date: 3/19 /2026

Dan Bailey, Town Clerk

**Next Meetings:**

Budget Workshop: Thursday March 26 5-6:30PM at Town Hall, open to public.

April Board Meeting: ***Wednesday* April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, starting at 6PM at Town Hall.**

Annual Township Meeting: ***Tuesday* April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Check-in starting at 6:00PM (Mtg 7PM at Wheaton Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard**