



Thursday, March 26th, 2026

5:00 p.m. – Special Budget Workshop

Board Room, Milton Township Hall
1492 N. Main Street,
Wheaton, Illinois, 60187

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order 5pm
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance by Clerk Bailey
 - B. Attendance Roll Call Supervisor Higgins-Beard, here; Trustee Pitts, here; Trustee Siemer, here; Trustee McGrath, here; Trustee McGowen, here; Assessor LeVan, here; Highway Commissioner Drew, absent; Clerk Bailey, here.
 - C. Approval of Agenda Trustee Pitts motion; Trustee McGowen 2nd Motion to amend agenda to let Assessor LeVan speak earlier by Trustee Siemer 2nd by Trustee McGowen. All in favor of agenda as amended.

- II. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes per person, Public called in the order Comment Request was submitted. Total allotted time for Public Comment is 30 minutes.)

- III. Salary Workshop:
 - A. Town/Facility/Capital budgets: Supervisor Higgins-Beard went over her goals with Abigail Sherman going over and highlighting any significant budget changes. Supervisor proposes more modernization efforts, enhancement of quality services and provision of local solutions. Salary schedule and COLA increases proposed. Investments in bookkeeper and communications continue in line with FY26; staffing levels same as FY26. Service investments in supporting our vulnerable neighbors with financial assistance, continuing monthly senior BINGO and SALT events, use of digital resource for medical closet and weed enforcement, modernization of financial procedures, cemetery upgrades, increased maintenance and cleaning in Town Hall as foot traffic increases, quarterly speaker series including first panel on mosquito abatement, and America's 250 events. Continued commitment to public outreach and partnerships to look to aid and serve neighbors.
 - B. Assessor budget: Assessor LeVan Increase of 1.9% which is in line with CPI. 77% of budget is for salaries. Assessor Office comes in under budget every year for 13 years.
 - C. CERT: Trustee Siemer comments on a reasonable balanced budget
 - D. Cemetery: Trustee Pitts described improvements in the Cemeteries.
 - E. SALT: Supervisor Higgins-Beard questioned if there are gaps that we could fill in services for our residents learning from other townships. Robust discussion on General Assistance grants growth and the Board's commitment to supporting neighbors.
 - F. CHMB: Trustee McGrath New innovative ways are being used with capacity grants to strengthen grantees. Proposing granting \$1.3M in awards in FY27.

Working to allot some overage from reserves in proposed budget.

G. Special Police levy is more than needed each year, so reserve has been growing. FY27 levy reduces this accounting line over 40%. Mosquito Abatement District has similar excess too and FY27 reduces this accounting line over 25%. All service levels remain the same. Will be taking question to voters at 2026 annual meeting regarding reallocation of excess reserves in these specific two levy accounts beyond 6 months, reallocating to capital Town fund.

H. Highway budget: Commissioner Drew unable to attend.

1. Abbie will put MTHD budget in the same format as the rest of the budget.

IV. Adjourn Trustee McGrath moves, Trustee McGowen 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 5:56

Signed: *Dan Bailey*

Date: 3/26/2026

Dan Bailey, Town Clerk

Next Meetings:

April Board Meeting: **Wednesday April 8th, 2026, 6:00 PM at Town Hall**

Annual Township Meeting: **Tuesday April 14th, 2026, Check-in starting at 6:00PM**

Mtg begins 7:00PM at Wheaton Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard