



# MILTON TOWNSHIP

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Elizabeth Higgins-Beard, Supervisor  
Chris LeVan, Assessor  
Michael H. Drew, Highway Commissioner  
Dan Bailey, Town Clerk

Jacqueline McGrath, Trustee  
Paula McGowen, Trustee  
Larry L. Pitts, Trustee  
Stephen Siemer, Trustee

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## Wednesday April 8<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

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### MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 6:01pm
  - A. Mission Moment – Increase in families needing help and families fed weekly from 25 families in May to 50 families usually in November. But last week was 139 families. Appreciation for our partner in the Milton Township Food Pantry and the efforts of its volunteers, staff and donors.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Trustee McGrath
  - C. Attendance Roll: Call Trustee McGowen, here; Trustee McGrath, here; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, here; Trustee Siemer, here; Trustee Pitts, here; Clerk Bailey, here.
  - D. Approval of Agenda. Motion, Trustee Siemer; Second, Trustee Pitts. Agenda is approved.
  - E. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting March 19, 2026. Motion, Trustee McGrath; Second, Trustee Pitts. Motion approved.
  - F. Approval of Claims in the amount of \$252,193.72. Motion, Trustee McGrath; Second, Trustee Pitts. Roll Call: Trustee Siemer, yes; Trustee Pitts, yes; Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes. Motion approved.
- 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)  
No comments were received.
- III. Chair's Report
  - A. Chair's Report Helped at SCARCE recycling event Sat 11 am at DuPage County Fairgrounds. New accessibility bumper stickers and cards for those with visual, hearing, autism, physical disability and dementias. [www.miltontownship.net](http://www.miltontownship.net) website will be accessible. Community events upcoming. New CERT class starts Thursday. LIHEAP use continues to be high. Part-time bookkeeper is now permanent. Performance reviews are done. Deputy Clerk position is open.
  - B. General Assistance Lots of referrals. See the Human Services Report!
  - C. Miscellaneous/Other

#### IV. Reports

- A. Town Clerk Report/Comments (Clerk Bailey) Preparations for the Annual Town Hall Meeting (ATM) are ongoing. The ATM is on Tuesday April 14, at 7 pm.
- B. Trustees Report/Comments (Trustee McGrath) Shared that there will be an event on Mosquitos with an environmental health professor on May 6, at 7 pm at the Milton Township Office at 1492 N Main in Wheaton; (Trustee Pitts) reports tree trimming is done at Jewell Grove; (Trustee Siemer) meeting auditor.
- C. Milton Township Highway Department, (Highway Commissioner Drew) Highway is running smoothly. Highway Commissioners met today. Brush pick up is May 19. Website and Facebook are running smoothly.
- D. Milton Township Cemetery Authority Commission (Chair Ellis unable to join us)
- E. Assessor Report (Assessor LeVan) Assessors office is rushing to get property assessed by November. EAV Equalized Assessed Value of Milton Township Properties is up by 1.1 billion to 7.5 billion total of all properties. Negotiations continue with Com Ed.

#### V. Unfinished Business

- A. Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Preparation. Required notices are posted in the Daily Herald and other locations. The ATM is on Tuesday April 14, 7 pm at the Wheaton Park District Roy Morrill Community Center, 1777 S Blanchard St, Wheaton in the Auditorium. Doors open at 6 pm to sign in and check your voter registration to be able to be an “elector” and to vote at this meeting. Construction causes rerouting for attendees. Accessibility will be maintained for all. The agenda is online or at the back table. Addressing the complaints of previous ATM’s about long lines and ability to hear the speakers and more complete directions to try to make sure all know what is happening and what their part is. ATM is structured to give the residents a voice in our township.
- B. FY 2027 Budget – Highway. Similar chart of account items were combined to simplify Commissioner Drew explained. Changes/improvements in apps like Go.Gov raised some costs. Salaries are up with addition of one employee to fill opening. Also adding two part-time summer employees. Engineering costs are down 52.9% by doing some engineering prep and other work in house with a goal of cutting \$1.3M in expenses. Drainage is now a bigger problem than roads.
- C. FY 2027 Full Budget Reading. We are Modernizing the Township, Expanding Services and Providing Local Solutions. New Website is coming. Starting to use Go.Gov to streamline services. Public event plan adds quarterly community sessions, trainings, and more senior events. Increasing investments in our communities most vulnerable. 708 Community Mental Health Board asks for \$1.5 million. America 250 events Sat May 16 at Jewell Grove. #Milton250Acts of Service encourages neighbors to help around Milton and report to Milton for recognition. Special Police costs are down 41%. MAD Mosquito Abatement District costs are down 28%. Interested residents have until our May 21 board meeting to consider the new budget which is online.

VI. New Business

- A. Discussion Township Government Benefits considering Wendell Cox Report. Benefits, pros/cons. Illinois has 7000 govt bodies. Some do not tax. Townships' various benefits include no duplication of services. GA, Senior's service, mental health etc. are not provided by other units of government. Plans to reduce townships provide 90% of tax savings to other units of government, with only 10% to taxpayers. Letter of support for township government to be written by Assessor LeVan with help from Trustee McGowen.
- B. Appointment of Code Enforcement Resolution 26 R 004 Officers Mike Drew and Naresh Nair to handle code, parking and driveway tickets with adjudication Office at DuPage County. Motion, Trustee Siemer; Second, Trustee Pitts. Roll Call: Trustee Pitts, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes. Motion passed

VII. Executive Session Property Discussion on property per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11). No action will be taken. Motion Trustee Pitts, Second, Trustee McGrath Motion passed.

VII. Adjournment to go into Executive Session at 7:02pm

Signed:

Dan Bailey

Date: 4/8/2026

Dan Bailey, Town Clerk

**Annual Meeting:** Tuesday April 14 7PM, Check in starts at 6PM  
Wheaton Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard Street, Wheaton in Auditorium