



Thursday May 21st, 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 at 6pm
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Sezenov
 - B. Veteran Recognition for Memorial Day. Several veterans are added to our veterans plaque.
 - C. Flag Retirement to VFW Post 2164, Post Commander Leo Penkala receives flags.
 - D. Moment
 - E. Attendance Roll Call: Supervisor Elizabeth Higgins-Beard, here, Trustee Larry Pitts, here; Trustee Stephen Siemer, here, Trustee Jacqueline McGrath, here; Trustee Paula McGowen, here; Clerk Dan Bailey, here.
 - F. Approval of Agenda Motion, Trustee Siemer; Second, Trustee Pitts. Motion passed.
 - G. Approval of Minutes of Regular Mtg. 4/8/2026 Motion, Trustee Mc Grath; Second, Trustee Pitts. Motion passed.
 - H. Approval of minutes of Budget Workshop 3/26/2026 Motion, Trustee McGrath; Second, Trustee Siemer. Motion passed.
 - I. Approval of Claims of \$432,213. Motion, Trustee Pitts; Second, Trustee Siemer. Roll Call: Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Trustee Pitts, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes. Claims are 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)
 - A. Gary Shepes notes that 5th 3rd Bank is moving. He suggests that the board consider using their space for the township.
 - B. Bradley Vertrees Appreciates the new administration. He told of difficulties with spending a lot to remedy drainage problems. Says that previously the Highway Department was adversarial.
 - C. Erica Nelson watched the video of the April 8 Annual Town Meeting. It was well structured and showed that much has been accomplished over the last year. There was a significant increase in need, and our response is well organized with General Assistance, 708 Community Mental Health Board. The Township is doing good necessary work.
- III. Chair's Report
 - A. Chair's Report - Mission Moment: Brownie Daisy Troop helped at our partner Food



MILTON TOWNSHIP

EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SINCE 1850

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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Pantry and then sent us a thank you for their experience. Three ‘thank you’s’ from General Assistance recipients. Trustees McGrath and Siemer and Supervisor Higgins-Beard recently completed CERT training. Trustee McGowen and Clerk Bailey are already CERT trained. Supervisor Higgins-Beard told about donations and community outreach. She is very busy with events. Jewel Grove prairie burn. Audits are underway. June 27 Cemetery event at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. 250 Acts of Service to Celebrate America’s 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence which we will read at our June meeting.

- B. General Assistance
- C. Miscellaneous/Other

IV. Reports

- A. Town Clerk Report/Comments (Clerk Bailey) Waived
- B. Trustees Report/Comments (Trustees McGowen waived, McGrath told about the Mosquito informational event and the Community Mental Health Board capacity event that she and Supervisor Higgins-Beard attended. Trustee Pitts told about the Cemetery event where a marker was placed and native Burr Oak tree planted to honor Bob Jacobson for his long service to the Milton Township Friends of the Pioneer Cemeteries. Trustee Siemer reported about the review of the executive session minutes by him, Trustee Pitts, and Clerk Bailey, which should be done soon.
- C. Milton Township Highway Department, Commissioner Drew The permits in the overweight vehicle ordinance would be needed for vehicles over 80,000 lbs.
- D. Communication Strategy Report Lucinda Armas told about how she had been our consultant to help Emmy and Buffy craft a communications approach and strategy. A communications strategic plan and Brand guide were presented as well as the results of a year’s efforts. Emmy Lemezis told us how she is enabling us to fulfill our campaign promise of openness and transparency. Effective communication would bring our constituents into participation in our programs that benefit them and into participation in our decision-making process.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Resolution R-26-07 PACE Ride DuPage Agreement for 2026 Motion, Trustee Siemer; Second, Trustee Pitts. Roll Call: Trustee McGowen, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee Pitts, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes. Motion passed.
- B. Milton Township Budget Appropriation Ordinance O-26-01 for FY27 Budget Motion, McGrath; Second, Trustee McGowen. Roll Call: Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes; Trustee Pitts, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Trustee McGrath, yes. Motion passed.
And Milton Township Road District Budget Appropriation Ordinance O-26-02 for FY27 Budget. Motion, Trustee Siemer; Second, Trustee McGowen. Roll Call: Trustee Pitts,



Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes. Motion passed.

VI. New Business

- A. FY27 Computer Replacement Schedule: Laptops Motion. After discussion Trustee Pitts made a Motion, Trustee McGowen offered the Second. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- B. VoIP Phone Upgrades Motion. Motion, Trustee Siemer; Second, Trustee Pitts. Motion passed.
- C. Resolution R-26-08 IGA, CERT Agreement Template Motion, Trustee Siemer; Second, Trustee Pitts. Roll Call: Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Trustee Pitts, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes. Motion passed.
- D. Overweight Vehicle Ordinance and Resolution O-26-03 Motion, Trustee McGowen; Second, Trustee Pitts. Roll Call: Trustee Pitts, yes; Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes. Motion passed.
- E. Resolution R-26-09 Transferring State of IL Grant Funds to Milton Food Pantry Inc. Motion, Trustee McGrath; Second, Trustee Pitts. Roll Call: Trustee Pitts, yes; Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Trustee Siemer, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, yes. Motion carries.
- F. Services and Space Requirements Analysis, Next Steps. Supervisor explained that over the next 90 days the Board is exploring needs for now and the future and options to fulfill those needs and will keep the public informed on progress.
- G. Ethics Committee Supervisor Higgins-Beard asked for the board to consider nominations to the Ethics Committee (established by Ethics Ordinance O-04- 03) which has been dormant.

VII. Adjournment Motion, Trustee McGrath; Second, Trustee Pitts. Adjourned at 7:20pm

Signed:

Dan Bailey

Date: 5/21/2026

Dan Bailey, Town Clerk