MILTON TOWNSHIP
LOCAL NEEDS MET THROUGH LOCAL SERVICES

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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Thursday, September 17, 2026

5:45 p.m. – Audit of Township Bills/Claims
6:00 p.m. –Regular Monthly Business Meeting

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

Minutes	Time* (min/sec)

I. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Pro Tem Pitts — 0:00

A. Mission Moment—Chair Pro Tem Pitts read a note from Food Pantry director Dave Sezonov that described a recent visit to the food pantry by a family who had a great experience. The young daughter who came along especially loved getting a stuffed animal that had been donated.

B. Pledge of Allegiance led by Highway Department Commissioner Michael Drew.

C. Attendance Roll Call: Trustee Pitts, here; Trustee Siemer, absent; Trustee McGrath, here; Trustee McGowen, here; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, absent.

D. Approval of Agenda: Trustee McGrath made a Motion to approve agenda for Thursday, Sept 17 board meeting; Trustee McGowan seconded; Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2026 regular meeting: Motion, Trustee McGowan; Second, Trustee McGrath; Motion passed.

F. Approval of Claims of $565,306.97. Roll call vote: Trustee Pitts, yes; Trustee Siemer, absent; Trustee McGrath, yes; Trustee McGowen, yes; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, absent.

II. Public Comment — 04:30

Lana Shepak reminded the board that during an earlier meeting it had discussed looking at the vacated Fifth-Third Bank building next door to the Milton Township offices as an option for expansion. She also reminded the board that it had mentioned working with the Morton Arboretum to potentially acquire some native Illinois trees.

III. Chair's Report — 05:30

A. Chair's Report (Chair Pro Tem Pitts). Highlights from the month included:

1. Cemetery Commission St. Stephen event held Aug 28, 2026

2. 9/11 25th anniversary Remembrance Ceremony
3. Highway Department Touch-A-Truck
4. Wheaton Library Plaza Opening
5. Wheaton Park District concert in the park benefiting the Milton Township Food Pantry.

B. Upcoming events include:
1. Milton Township Free Vaccine Clinic, Sept 28, 12:30-5:30 pm
2. Milton Township Highway Department Recycling Event, Oct 3 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.
3. SALT Senior Auto Inspection at the Wheaton Fire Station Oct 24, 9:00-11:30 AM

C. Mosquito Abatement

Some cases of West Nile Virus have now been detected in residents throughout DuPage County. As a result, the county is now at Level 3, HIGH on the abatement scale. Fogging will continue through Sept.

D. Weed ordinance Process overview

IV. Reports

A. Town Clerk Report/Comments (Clerk Bailey) 15:10
1. Clerk's Department attended Touch-A-Truck and the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
2. Working to organize files in the Clerk's Office
3. Attended FOIA and OMA training

B. Trustees Report/Comments 16:10
1. Trustee McGowan—no report
2. Trustee McGrath—attended Sexual Harassment training on Sept. 11 and thought it was excellent. Also, as the 708 Liaison, Trustee McGrath mentioned the next meeting is Oct 1 and they have collected some videos from people who have been impacted by the 708 committee. They will be posted on the website sometime in the future.

C. Highway Commissioner's Report (Commissioner Drew) 18:00
1. Barry Street phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 will kick off Oct 1. For Phase 1 the Highway Department ran 29 catch basins and tested them during the rain this week. All of them worked as expected. The Barry Street project is the largest project that the Highway Department has managed in-house without having to hire contractors, saving taxpayers around $150,000.
2. A candidate has been chosen for the Administrative Assistant Role. She will start Oct 5.
3. Underground fuel tanks have been removed from the Highway

Department grounds. There were no leaks. New above-ground tanks will be installed in Oct.

4. Fiber work drilling took out four streetlights in a Milton Township neighborhood. The Highway Department is investigating installing solar lights and researching grants that can assist with procuring permanent, "eco-friendly" lights in the future to avoid expensive underground wiring replacement.
5. The first ever Touch-A-Truck event was a success. Approximately 150 people attended. Everyone had a great time.
6. Brush pick-up is scheduled for Monday, Sept 21. Crews will be driving through neighborhoods picking up brush that is bundled and sitting at the curb. Crews will only go through each neighborhood one time. 28:30
7. Recycling Event will be held Oct 3 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

D. Assessor's Report (Assessor LeVan) 29:25

The Assessor's Department is working to close the books. The target for final close is Friday, Sept. 25.

E. General Assistance Report (Shelia Beine)

1. Major Disaster Relief assistance is available that can help provide food and temporary shelter for people who are displaced due to a declared Major Disaster
2. Milton Township Youth Scholarships are available for low-income families who need assistance paying for youth activities. Maximum of $300/child.
3. A new brochure has been developed highlighting all the Financial Assistance services that The Township offers. It will be available soon in the front lobby.

V. Adjournment at 6:36 p.m. 36:25

Motion to adjourn, Trustee McGrath; Second, Trustee McGowan. Motion Passed.

Adjourned at: 6:36 p.m.

Signed: *Dan Bailey* Date: 9/17/2026

Dan Bailey, Town Clerk

*Indicates the timing of the agenda item on the YouTube video for this meeting, which is posted at www.miltontownship.net.