

Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees
March 24, 2025
Washington Township Center
30200 Town Center Road, Beecher, IL

Supervisor Stanula called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. to pay bills for the month of March and transact any other business that may come before the Board of Trustees. The meeting agenda and guest sign-in sheet are attached. Stanula led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

Present: Supervisor Mike Stanula Trustees: Teresa Peterson, Tracy Heldt, Mark Herlitz, George Obradovich Absent: None

Other Officials present:

Clerk Joe Burgess, Assessor Pat Peters and Commissioner Mike Smith

Approval of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated March 3, 2025:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 3, 2025, board meeting minutes as presented. Being none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025, board meeting as presented. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote.**

Public Commentary: None

Reports:

1. Road Commissioner - Commissioner Smith reviewed his attached written report. The Fuel Committee received three fuel bids for the upcoming year and F/S Fuel was awarded the bid. Fuel prices are guaranteed for one-year at \$3.05 for diesel fuel and \$3.07 for gasoline.

Smith said partially because of the state's push to consolidated townships, he has set up a meeting with our legal counsel and neighboring road districts to discuss several old Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) that include these districts. Smith said the IGA's need to be reviewed anyway to ensure the language is still correct and they include liability clauses. The road districts utilize these IGA's to work together with neighboring townships to share resources, which allow them to work together on larger road projects and in turn save everyone money.

2. Assessor - Assessor Peters reported that the county will start mailing exemption letters to residents on April 11, and she already has the new exemption applications in her office. The county has approved a new ordinance that will make all WW2 veterans exempt from paying property taxes, effective this year. Peters will be out of the office from April 7th thru April 10th.
3. Clerk - Clerk Burgess reported the spring newsletter will be mailed before the end of April. The front page of the newsletter will address the state's attempt to consolidate townships and include information for residents to contact their state representatives to oppose such action. Over 30 seniors attended Senior Movie Night on March 18th. Early Voting continues this week and only 70 residents have voted early during the first six days of voting. The Senior Spring Breakfast has

been confirmed for May 3rd and First Community Bank and Trust will be presenting a Fraud Presentation on May 8th.

4. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Stanula reported that the new LED sign was down for several days due to an electrical problem at a junction box at the base of the sign. The sign company repaired the connection, however, a new electrical line needs to be installed, so the sign is on a separate circuit than the exterior lighting. Stanula received a quote in the amount of \$2,868 from M3 Electric to pull the new line. Trustee Heldt asked for clarification regarding what happened to the electrical box and Stanula believed the outer covering of a wire was damaged when the old sign base was being removed and created a short that tripped a breaker. He said the repair is safe, but a new line still needs to be pulled. Commissioner Smith asked if the Road District's side of the building could be connected to the township's generator because the Road District's generator is in poor condition. Stanula will look into his request.

A quote was received from All Right Sign in the amount of \$2803.87 to install a sign topper to the new LED sign. The non-illuminated sign would read "Washington Township Center".

Stanula has also received a quote for approximately \$13,000 to upgrade existing security cameras and add interior cameras to the office and exterior cameras to the front of the township center. This would also include replacing the existing cameras on the Road District's side of the building and adding a new DVR, which would save the camera recordings for up to 60 days. A second quote will be requested and if approved, the cost of the project would be split between the township and road district.

Spectrotel, the township's former phone service provider, wants to charge the township approximately \$1,000 for "early termination" of our phone agreement. The township had an agreement with Spectrotel for over 10-years, but their rates were getting expensive, and they wanted to charge the township for new phones. Chicagoland Cloud found a company that offered a lower rate and will exchange the phones on a regular basis at no charge to the township. Stanula will contact Spectrotel regarding the charges because the contract is not clear regarding the terms.

5. Trustees Report – No report.
6. Transportation Report – Through March 24, the Dial-a-Ride service has provided 28 trips in March at a cost of \$647.50.
7. General Assistance Report – There were no new General Assistance cases or payouts in March.
8. Community Building – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Approval of Revised Washington Township Employee Handbook – There was no discussion on this item.
2. Township Recycling and Refuse Plan Discussion – The Board was concerned that forcing residents into using a specific provider for refuse collection could be an issue for many residents and there are no guarantees that pricing would be less than what residents are currently paying. The Board agreed to not pursue this program at this time.

3. Consideration and Approval of the 2025-2026 Town Budget – The board reviewed each line item in the proposed 2025-2026 budget and compared it to the actual spending from the previous two-years. Adjustments were made as needed to the appropriate line items and also included adding funding for the sign topper, new security cameras and installing a new electrical line to the roadside sign. Total “Town Fund” expenditures for 2025-2026 total **\$348,480**. The Insurance Fund expenditures total **\$7,000** and the General Assistance Fund expenses are estimated at **\$6,500**. The tentative budget will be available for public review for 30-days until final Board approval at the June meeting. The total proposed budget for all accounts is **\$361,980**.

Motion:

Trustee Obradovich made a motion to tentatively approve the proposed 2025-2026 Town Account budget of **\$361,980** for all Town accounts. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

4. Consideration and Approval of the 2025-2026 Road District Budget – Commissioner Smith reviewed his proposed budget to the Board. A new full-time employee was added this year, and salaries were adjusted accordingly. Smith also increased funding for additional road projects and seal coating. Total expenditures for the 2025-26 Road District are estimated at **\$936,000**, and Smith said it would be unlikely he would spend all appropriated funds. There is no bridge work planned for the coming year and Smith allocated **\$5,000** for engineering to the County Aid Bridge Account in the event something needed to be addressed. The Board was satisfied with the budget. The total proposed budget for all accounts is **\$941,000**.

Motion:

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to tentatively approve the proposed 2025-2026 Road District budget of **\$941,000** for all Road District accounts. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

5. Consideration for Washington Township Electrical Aggregation Renewal – According to Nania Energy, ComEd will be increasing the infrastructure costs of their billing by up to 35% in the coming year. Additionally, the rate per kilowatt hour is expected to rise by a minimum of \$.02 and will probably increase next year as well. ComEd is expected to be at \$.0910 per kWh starting in June and Nania is recommending an aggregation agreement with MC2 energy at a cost of \$.0929 for 12-months or \$.0899 for 21 months. The savings per kWh is minimal, however the price guarantee for 21-months was considered to be worth entering into a new agreement with MC2.

Motion:

Trustee Obradovich made a motion to renew the Washington Township aggregation agreement for 21-months with Dynegy utilizing MC2 as the energy provider. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications – None

2. Consideration and Approval of the Revised 2025 Annual Town Meeting Agenda – The Township Officials of IL (TOI) has encouraged all member townships to add a resolution to their annual Town Meeting agenda to “Oppose Township Consolidation Into County Government”. A revised agenda was presented (attached), which included the addition of the resolution, and the Board agreed with the TOI recommendation.

Motion:

Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve the revised 2025 Annual Town Meeting agenda to include a resolution to “Oppose Township Consolidation Into County Government”, as presented. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

3. Approve Legal Counsel for Upcoming Fiscal Year – The Board has been using KGG LLC as legal counsel since 2024 and has been very happy with their work and attentiveness to our needs. Supervisor Stanula recommended approving KGG LLC as legal counsel for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Motion:

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to approve KGG LLC as Washington Township’s legal counsel for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**

4. Consideration and Approval of Resolution 25-01 “A Resolution Opposing Township Consolidation Into County Government” – TOI has encouraged all member townships to pass this resolution, which opposes the state’s efforts to consolidate and eliminate many townships. The Board agreed with TOI recommendation.

Motion:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to pass Resolution #25-01, “A Resolution Opposing Township Consolidation Into County Government”, as presented. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Town Account (including Transportation Fund)

The board reviewed the **March** bills as reviewed by the Supervisor and presented by the Clerk. There were no questions regarding the bills.

Motion:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, debits, and appropriate transfers from the Town Account for the month of **March** totaling **\$24,838.08**. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

Road & Bridge Bills

The board reviewed the Road District’s **March** bills as reviewed by Commissioner Mike Smith and presented by the Clerk.

Motion:

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, and appropriate transfers or debits from the Road & Bridge Account for the month of **March** totaling **\$65,187.13**. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- **April 8** – Annual Town Meeting @ 7 pm at the Washington Township Center
- **May 5** - Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm at the Washington Township Center

Announcements:

- **May 3** – Senior Breakfast @ 8:30 am at the Beecher Amvet Hall
- **May 8** – Fraud Presentation @ 9 am at the Washington Township Center

Adjournment:

Being no additional business to discuss, Trustee Herlitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**. The Board Meeting adjourned at **8:50 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph Burgess - Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 5/5/25

Washington Township

Highway Department

30200 Town Center Dr.

Beecher, Illinois 60401

708- 946-6459 Fax 708-946-6459

Michael Smith Highway Commissioner

1. The fuel committee received 3 bids for gasoline and diesel. FS was awarded the bid. Gasoline is locked in at \$3.07 and diesel as \$3.05. This contract will be valid through April of 2026.
2. I have a meeting with our attorney tomorrow morning. We are going to address some of our old IGAs and talk about a new one with neighboring townships.
3. Now that we have our final numbers, I have begun working on this years stone and oil bids.

Michael Smith

Highway Commissioner

RESOLUTION No. 25-01

OPPOSE TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATION INTO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP Will, County, Illinois.

Whereas **SB 2504**, **SB 2217** and **HB 2515**, introduced by the 104th Illinois General Assembly in March 2025 is asking for the consolidation of township government.

WHEREAS The Board of Township Trustees of the Township of Washington in the County of Will are opposed to these initiatives and recognizes that Townships in Illinois provide many services outside of the three statutory obligations of road and bridge maintenance, property assessment and general assistance; and

WHEREAS The Board Trustees of the Township of Washington recognize the following:

The legislation does not consider that over 72,000 miles of roads are maintained by road districts in Illinois and approximately 12,000 bridges; and

That current state law exists that allows a township to consolidate if the initiative is brought with voter approval; and

Past attempts like those provided for in this legislation have failed in Illinois; and

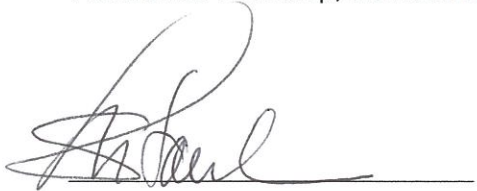
The research has proven that such attempts result in increased costs overall for local government; and

Township Government has the lowest debt and expense per capita in local government and taxpayers; and

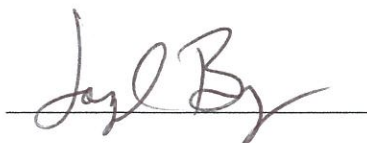
WHEREAS the Township of Washington in the County of Will, will only support any statewide effort of township consolidation if valid cost impact analysis is completed and proof that the level of services provided will remain.

This would eliminate many community-based services that are important to the public.

PASSED THIS 24th day of April 2025 by then The Township Board of Trustees duly assembled at Washinton Township, Will County, Illinois.



TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR



TOWNSHIP CLERK



Seal

**Washington Township
2025 Annual Town Meeting
April 8, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Agenda**

1. Call to Order – (Clerk)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome
4. Election of Meeting Moderator
5. Clerk Administers “Oath of Moderator” to Moderator
6. Approval of Minutes from 2024 Annual Town Meeting
7. Clerk presents Supervisor’s Annual Financial Statements
 - Consolidated Funds
 - Town Account
 - Insurance Fund
 - General Assistance
 - Road & Bridge
 - Joint Bridge
 - Community Building
8. Consideration and Approval of Resolution 25-02 “A Resolution Opposing Township Consolidation Into County Government”
9. Set Hour for 2026 Annual Town Meeting
10. Consider Motion to Pay Meeting Moderator
11. Motion to Adjourn

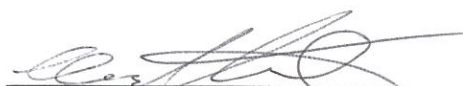
Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees
Road & Bridge Account

State of Illinois)
Will County) ss.
Washington Township)

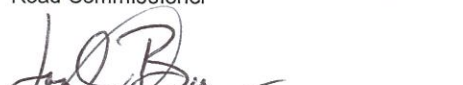
We the undersigned, comprising the Board of Trustees of
Washington Township, having duly met at the Clerks office on **March 24, 2025**, for the
purpose of auditing the Road & Bridge account, do hereby certify that the following claims or demands
against said township were presented, and examined, were allowed at said meeting, to wit:

Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	Ck #	Nature of Claim	Amount
9254	3/3	Surf Air Wireless	9704	Internet service - Acct # 93011007437 - Bill date 3/1/25	\$ 119.90
9255	3/3	ComEd	9705	Utilities - Acct #2497892222 - Bill date - 2/3/25	\$ 237.53
9256	3/3	AT&T Mobility	9706	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X02/09/2025	\$ 145.31
9257	3/3	Cintas Uniforms	9707	Uniforms - Acct # 14943430 (Jan & Feb 2025)	\$ 1,207.09
9258	3/3	Walt's Foods	9708	Supplies water - Inv # 3060421105	\$ 72.44
9259	3/3	Bruce Becker	9709	Reimbursement for parts	\$ 132.04
NA	3/3	VOID	9710	****VOID****	\$ -
9260	3/3	Morton Salt	9711	Bilk salt - Inv # 5403375893	\$ 12,011.52
9261	3/3	T&M Tire Service	9712	Tire repairs - Inv # 189484 & 189485	\$ 4,349.00
9262	3/7	Beecher Fuel Account	9713	Equipment Fuel - 2/1/25 to 2/28/25 - Inv # 1005	\$ 2,598.59
9263	3/7	DeJong Equipment	9714	Parts - Inv # 63097 / 63177 / 63120 / 63260	\$ 1,915.94
9264	3/7	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	9715	Professional services (Feb) - Inv # 365	\$ 600.00
9265	3/7	Bruce Becker	9716	Reimbursement - Tractor Supply- Inv# 70712	\$ 91.47
9266	3/7	M&K Truck Center	9717	Parts - Inv # 204964SC / 205292SC / 204755SC / 204729SC	\$ 1,434.73
9267	3/7	Alta Construction Equipment	9718	Knife kit - Inv # SP4/102982	\$ 944.43
9268	3/11	NAPA Auto Parts	9719	Parts - Inv # 126160	\$ 55.08
9269	3/11	Homewood Disposal	9720	Underpayment - Inv # 9240444	\$ 10.00
NA	3/11	R.P. Lumber - VOID	9721	VOID	\$ -
9270	3/11	Heritage FS	9722	Lubricants - Inv # 16783	\$ 1,758.00
9271	3/11	Shorewood Home & Auto	9723	Parts - Inv # 452594	\$ 17.99
9272	3/11	AT&T Mobility	9724	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X03/09/2025	\$ 145.34
9273	3/11	Hi Viz Inc.	9725	Road markers - Inv # 12944	\$ 1,620.00
9274	3/11	Harding's Inc.	9726	Parts - Inv # C90825	\$ 351.14
9275	3/11	ComEd	9727	Utilities - Acct #2497892222 - Bill date - 3/3/25	\$ 226.70
9276	3/11	TIFCO Industries	9728	Shop supplies - Inv # 72065387	\$ 152.85
9277	3/19	Interstate Battery of Chicago	9729	Parts - Inv # 4348731	\$ 43.80
9278	3/19	E.D. Etnyre	9730	Parts - Inv # 708193	\$ 1,378.70
9279	3/19	Becher Post Office	9731	Stamps	\$ 73.00
9280	3/19	Quill Corporation	9732	Office Supplies - Inv # 43310326	\$ 63.98
9281	3/19	NICOR	9733	Acct #58285823769 / Bill date 3/12/25	\$ 429.65
9282	3/19	Surf Air Wireless	9734	Internet service - Acct # 93011007437 - Bill date 3/1/25	\$ 119.90
9283	3/19	TIFCO Industries	9735	Shop supplies - Inv # 72069582	\$ 726.00
9284	3/25	Village of Beecher	EFT	RB Health Insurance - Inv # 2025-02	\$ 5,775.88
9285	3/31	Village of Beecher	9737	Municipal share of Personal Property Replacement Tax	\$ 146.24
9286	3/22	March Payroll - QuickBooks	Misc.	Payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$ 26,232.89
Total disbursements					\$ 65,187.13


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on **March 24, 2025**.




Road Commissioner



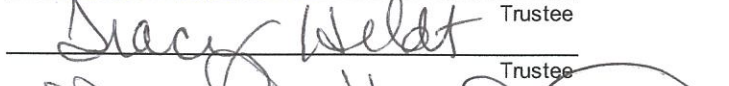
Township Clerk




Supervisor




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Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees
Town Account

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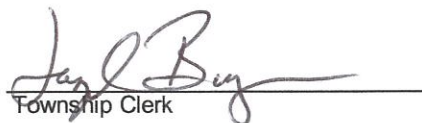
We the undersigned, comprising the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, having duly met at the Township office on **March 24, 2025**, for the purpose of auditing Town accounts, do hereby certify that the following claims or demands against said township were presented, and examined, were allowed at said meeting, to wit:

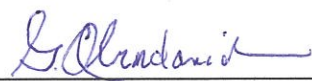
Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	CK	Nature of Claim	Amount
6677	3/3	Joliet Slammers	9405	Senior bus trip - 20 tickets - Contract # 5202	\$ 446.45
6678	3/3	Wal's Foods	9406	Office - Inv # 5061531227	\$ 2.99
6679	3/3	Chicago White Sox	9407	Senior bus trip - 20 tickets - Inv # 595195	\$ 498.00
6680	3/3	KGG LLC	9408	Professional services - Inv # 67857	\$ 814.00
6681	3/3	Mike Fuhrmann	9409	Reimbursement milage - Assessor's measuring	\$ 102.20
6682	3/3	CLR Digital	9410	Calendar App Monthly Fee - Inv # 2759	\$ 125.00
6683	3/3	TOI Clerks of IL	9411	2025 Annual dues	\$ 30.00
6684	3/3	Comcast	9412	Internet - # 10295 - Bill date - 02/24/25	\$ 215.24
6685	3/7	Beecher Youth Commission	9413	2025 Sponsorship	\$ 1,000.00
6686	3/7	Beecher Fuel Account	9414	Bus fuel - 2/1/25 to 2/28/25 - Inv # 1006	\$ 58.31
6687	3/7	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	9416	Professional services - (Feb) Inv # 363	\$ 750.00
6688	3/7	Quill Corporation	9417	Office Supplies - Inv # 183220496	\$ 75.36
6689	3/7	Pace Vanpool	9418	Monthly Van rental - Inv # 648741	\$ 200.00
6690	3/10	Village of Beecher	9419	Personal Property Replacement Tax Reimbursement	\$ 2,551.24
6691	3/10	ComEd	9420	Electric bill - Acct # 4544334000 - Bill date 3/4/25	\$ 386.34
6692	3/10	Southwest Exurban Publishing	9421	Publish Meeting Schedule - Inv # 25-070	\$ 80.00
6693	3/19	Beecher Post Office	9422	Stamps	\$ 73.00
6694	3/19	Quill Corporation	9423	Office Supplies - Inv # 43310326	\$ 150.67
6695	3/19	Nicor	9424	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 3/12/25	\$ 280.69
6696	3/19	Joe Burgess	9425	Reimbursement - Screen repair supplies	\$ 40.03
6697	3/19	Cytracom	ACH	Phone Service - Inv # 387718	\$ 250.91
6698	3/28	March Payroll - QuickBooks	Debit	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$ 16,707.65
TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS					\$24,838.08

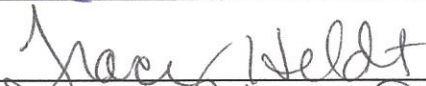
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto set our hands on **March 24, 2025**.



Township Supervisor


Township Clerk


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee

**Washington Township Board Meeting
March 24, 2025 - 7:00 pm
Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated March 3, 2025

Public Commentary

Reports

1. Road Commissioner
2. Assessor
3. Clerk
4. Supervisor's Report
5. Trustee's Report
6. Transportation Report
7. General Assistance Report

Old Business

1. Consideration and Approval of Revised Washington Township Employee Handbook
2. Township Recycling and Refuse Plan Discussion
3. Consideration and Approval of the 2025-2026 Town Budget
4. Consideration and Approval of the 2025-2026 Road District Budget
5. Consideration for Washington Township Electrical Aggregation Renewal

New Business

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications
2. Consideration and Approval of the Revised 2025 Annual Town Meeting Agenda
3. Approve Legal Counsel for Upcoming Fiscal Year
4. Consideration and Approval of Resolution 25-01 "A Resolution Opposing Township Consolidation Into County Government"

Payment of Bills

Town Acct, Road District, General Assistance (as required)

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- **May 5** – Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Announcements

- **May 3** – Senior Breakfast @ Beecher Amvet Hall

Adjournment

Any disabled person requiring special accommodations should notify Supervisor Mike Stanula **prior** to the meeting date to make necessary arrangements. Supervisor Stanula may be reached at 708-946-2026.

The Washington Township Public Commentary Policy will be followed and is printed on back of the agenda.

A CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION MAY BE HELD AT ANY POINT DURING THE MEETING.

March 24, 2025

Guest Sign-in Sheet

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