

**Washington Township Board Meeting
July 6, 2026 - 7:00 pm
Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Township Budget Hearing Minutes Dated June 1, 2026

Approval of Road District Budget Hearing Minutes Dated June 1, 2026

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated June 1, 2026

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. Fire Alarm Improvements at the Washington Township Center
- 3.

New Business

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications
2. Bike Trail Trough Washington Township

Payment of Bills

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

Upcoming Township Meetings (At the Washington Township Center)

- **Aug 3** – Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Announcements

- **July 7** - Senior Bus Trip / Chicago White Sox Game

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.

Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees

July 6, 2026

**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 **June** 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:** Tracy Heldt, Mark Herlitz, Paul Goldrick and George Obradovich **Absent:** None

Other Officials present:

Clerk Joe Burgess and Assessor Patricia Peters

Approval of Town Account Budget Hearing Minutes Dated June 1, 2026:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 1, 2026, Town Budget Hearing minutes as presented. Being none, Stanula asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:

Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve the Town Account Budget Hearing minutes dated June 1, 2026, as presented. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Approval of Road District Budget Hearing Minutes Dated June 1, 2026:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 1, 2026, Road District Budget Hearing minutes as presented. Being none, Stanula asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to approve the Road District Budget Hearing minutes dated June 1, 2026, as presented. Trustee Goldrick seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Approval of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated June 1, 2026:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 1, 2026, Board meeting minutes as presented. Being none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:

Trustee Goldrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026, board meeting as presented. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote.**

Public Commentary:

Resident Steve Popovich, who lives on Delite Inn Road, read an email (attached) he sent to the township on December 18, 2025, regarding the condition of Delite Inn Road and said he never received a response. Mr. Popovich said he was speaking on his own behalf and said the weeds along the road are now 3' tall in some areas and the road is so narrow two vehicles cannot pass when they meet each other unless one drives off on the shoulder. During the winter, snow is piled so high and

close to the road that it is one lane in some spots and when two vehicles meet, one may need to back up to allow the other one to get through the one lane opening. He believes the road is unsafe and if there was a fire or medical emergency, especially during the winter, emergency responders could potentially be delayed in reaching their destination. He said the road has been in this condition for many years and questioned why it hasn't been updated saying it will only cost more to repair every year the township waits to improve the road. Supervisor Stanula mentioned that the road base would probably need to be completely redone due to the age of the road, which is a big project. Commissioner Smith was not in attendance but did contact Clerk Burgess regarding Popovich's email and Burgess said Smith would call Mr. Popovich regarding his concerns.

Resident Artie Van Baren explained that there are also many bad spots on Kentucky Road that need to be addressed and especially at the bridge where Kentucky crosses over Trim Creek. He also questioned why residents are allowed to have junk vehicles and other garbage on their properties. Supervisor Stanula explained that there are county ordinances that prohibit these types of issues, but the county does not have a "code enforcer" who looks for these violations. The county depends on local residents or the township to contact them so they can send someone out to review the properties in question. Stanula recommended the Mr. VanBaren call the county and if they don't respond, he should call his office.

Reports:

1. Road Commissioner - Commissioner Smith was not in attendance and Supervisor Stanula read his written report (attached). There was no discussion regarding his report.
2. Assessor - Assessor Peters reported her office has 75% of the property evaluations updated and expects to finish all of them. The exemption filing deadline is November 1st. Also, a local law maker has sponsored a bill that amends the Property Tax Code. In part, the bill reads: "In provisions concerning township or multi assessment books, provides that, if the supervisor of assessments determines that the township or multi-township assessor has not completed the assessments as required by law before returning the assessment books, then the supervisor of assessment may submit a bill to the township board of trustees for the reasonable costs incurred by the supervisor of assessments in completing the assessments." Peters said the bill was written because many township assessors are not completing their assessments as required by law and many properties have been delayed being put on the tax rolls, which is lost revenue for the county and other taxing bodies. The bill does contain specific minimum requirements before the county can take such action and Washington Township is well above those requirements. The bill will be reviewed by state lawmakers in the fall session and TOI is opposing the bill. A copy of the proposed legislation is attached.
3. Clerk - Clerk Burgess reported 24 seniors attended the June 25th Senior Movie Night. The Annual Resource Fair is scheduled for August 8 at Firemen's Park.
4. Supervisor's Report - Supervisor Stanula passed out TOI decals and is waiting for the membership cards to arrive. Sixteen people attended the Joliet Slammers game on June 16th and all twenty tickets were sold for the White Sox game on July 7th.
5. Trustees Report - The village's Historical Preservation Committee is looking for members and anyone who could help with gathering significant information regarding the village's formation and historical events.

Trustee Heldt suggested the township Board reach out to the Will County Sheriff's Office and Will County Executive or more agencies to discuss recent reoccurring issues in the township that residents have brought before the board on multiple occasions and only the county has jurisdiction over. These include loud parties, rodeos and old cars and other junk on properties. Heldt would like to find a contact person within the county, who could help answer questions and assist the township as issues arise. Heldt said the Board needs to show our residents that we hear their concerns, and we are trying to find solutions and the right people to contact. Supervisor Stanula recommended contacting Will County Land Use and try to find a liaison for the township and suggested Land Use Director Brian Radnor be contacted first because the county has no active code enforcers in our area. Trustee Obradovich asked if the county could provide a report as to how often they have been contacted by township residents with concerns or complaints. Trustee Heldt will reach out to county officials and attempt to setup a meeting with Land Use, Will County Sheriff's Office and the county executive.

6. Transportation Report – The Dial-a-Ride service provided 84 trips in May at a cost of \$1,004.63.

7. General Assistance Report – There were no General Assistance claims in June.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Approval of Revised Washington Township Employee Handbook – There was no action or discussion on this item.

2. Fire Alarm Improvements at the Washington Township Center – TK Audio Video has been at the township building to look at adding smoke detectors to the existing fire alarm system. He would divide the building into 3 zones (office, Road District garage & bus garage) and is putting together a quote for the Board to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications – There were no pending zoning applications to discuss.

2. Washington Township Bike Trail Extension – Supervisor Stanula has been in contact with Doug Short and he will begin the dialog with the Will County Forest Preserve District to set up a meeting to discuss the possibility of extending the bike trail along IL-394 all the way to the Washington Township Center. Stanula said it will take some time to get the initial meetings organized.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Town Account (including Transportation Fund)

The board reviewed the **June** bills as reviewed by the Supervisor and presented by the Clerk.

Motion:

Trustee Goldrick made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, debits, and appropriate transfers from the Town Account for the month of **June** totaling \$21,332.72. Trustee Heldt 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 **June** 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 **June** totaling **\$63,890.56**. Trustee Obradovich seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- **August 3** - Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm at the Washington Township Center

Announcements:

- **July 7** – Senior Bus Trip @ Chicago White Sox game

Adjournment:

Being no additional business to discuss, Trustee Heldt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Goldrick seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**. The Board Meeting adjourned at **7:46 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph Burgess - Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 8/3/26

From: EZ-X Bridging
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 3:57 PM
To: supervisor@washingtontownshipil.com
Cc: Art Van Baren <avanbaren@dutchamerican.us>
Subject: FW: Delite Inn Road

Washington Township,
I have not received any comment, action or response to the attached letter below.

I personally cleaned up my frontage of most of the sod clumps and stone as much as I can on my own

There is still plenty of stone that must be removed. I will continue to do so.

The road shoulders are 4" to 10" higher than the road itself which will create flooding without any drainage to both sides of the ditch.
Rain season is coming.

I say again, I know that 9 years ago I moved on this road and this is the way it was.
However, after 9 years it all remains as is no progress.

I would like to hear or be contacted for any answers or questions.

Thank you, Steve

Steve Popovich

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From: EZ-X Bridging
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2025 12:46 PM
To: supervisor@washingtontownshipil.com
Subject: Delite Inn Road

Attention;
Supervisor- Mike Stanula
Highway commissioner- Mike Smith
Trustees- Paul G., Tracy H., Mark H., George O.

First off, as a retired General Contractor I would like to thank Mike & his crew for keeping Delite Inn gravel road maintained throughout the year, including the winter months.

I have owned & maintained my 10 acres for over 9 years now & kept it looking nice and now living in my new home that I have designed & built.

I fully understand that I purchased the property well knowing that Delite had a gravel road frontage between Stoney & yates.

However, I thought that within this almost 10 year period, I would see progress on having a paved road. I am fully aware that everything comes down to money.

But, every year that goes by, prices increase and the same answer is there is not enough money available.

My background was not only having a gun shop in town and a General Contractor, I have also served as Building Commissioner for the city of Calumet City, Illinois for 6 years.

I am fully aware of the government process of getting things done.

This year in particular because of the early winter storms, Delite Road on both north & south sides was badly torn up due to snow plowing. All the stone & sod was torn up & thrown at least 6 feet each way on our maintained frontage. The road is narrow I know and it must be open but at what expense every year to us property owners.

How can I year after year keep the frontage nice... Again I know I live in the rural area... Is it necessary for me to sharpen/buy new mower blades & re-plant each season.

This also applies to the maintenance & repair of your equipment as well. (snow plows & mowing machines repair).

I do not blame the drivers, we and the drivers should have a road for the drivers and us to work with.

Delite Inn should be paved, not only for us living on this road but for Mail, FedEx, UPS, Police, Fire, Ambulance etc.

We cannot pass each other without driving off the road when its nice out. Not only to mention this early winter storm.

After it is plowed there is no way to pass each other when snow is piled on either side, you must back up & get to a neighbors driveway to continue. (if that is open).

Bottom line, I speak for myself and have not spoken to my neighbors.

I, we need this road paved probably for more reasons than mentioned above.

I appreciate your attention to this request.

Steve Popovich

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Washington Township

Highway Department

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708- 946-6459 Fax 708-946-6459

Michael Smith Highway Commissioner

1. We are prepping and doing touch up on the roads we will be tar and chipping this summer. We plan to start over the next few weeks.
2. We are mowing and trimming brush when the weather permits. All the rain has slowed down the mowing process.
3. We received our new batwing mower.
4. I had a teams meeting last week in regards to the solar site that will be constructed at Western Ave and Indiana Ave. I requested an on site meeting with the engineers. There were a few ridiculous proposals in their current site plan.

Michael Smith

Highway Commissioner

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- MO HB2016 Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions
- NY S10692 Enacts the no gambling ads for kids act under which certain covered platforms
- MO HB3418 Modifies provisions relating to prescription drug coverage
- CA AB2576 Transitioned development
- NH SB022 Relative to the Office of Disability Fraud
- LA SB484 Transfers certain duties from the Board of Regents to the management boards
- NY S4380 Requires automobile insurers to provide notice that Medicare and Medicaid
- NY A10179 Prohibits artificial intelligence comparisons from using features which
- MD SB022 Correctional Services Maryland Public Commission and Erroneously Convicted
- IL S1296 Public Employees Relations Commission

Bill Text: IL HB5086 | 2025-2026 | 104th General Assembly | Introduced



Illinois House Bill 5086

IL State Legislature page for HB5086

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Introduced

Bill Title: Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning township or multi-township assessment books, provides that, if the supervisor of assessments determines that the township or multi-township assessor has not completed the assessments as required by law before returning the assessment books, then the supervisor of assessments (rather than the county board) may submit a bill to the township board of trustees for the reasonable costs incurred by the supervisor of assessments in completing the assessments. Provides that, if the supervisor of assessments determines that the township or multi-township assessor has provided incomplete books or workbooks within the prior quadrennial assessment cycle, then the supervisor of assessments may give notice to the township assessor or multi-township assessor and shall receive the assessment books or workbooks up to 90 days in advance of the deadlines if either (1) the township or multi-township has omitted new construction in the prior year for more than 6 months; or (2) at least 20% of any property class fails to be changed in the township or multi-township assessment books in the prior general assessment year. Provides that, if the supervisor of assessments determines that a review of the books of the township or multi-township is necessary, then the year the review takes place, the revaluation powers of the supervisor of assessments shall be the same as in the general assessment year and the supervisor of assessments shall have the authority to value omitted property. Provides that, if any valuation changes occur as the result of the provisions, then the county treasurer shall keep a list of the properties identified by the supervisor of assessments on the county's website. Provides that, if the township maintains a website, then the information shall be posted on the township's website. Effective immediately.

Sponsorship: Partisan Bill (Democrat 3)

Status: (Introduced) 2026-05-11 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Dagmara Avelar [HB5086 Detail]

Download: Illinois-2025-HB5086 Introduced.html

Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees
Road & Bridge Account

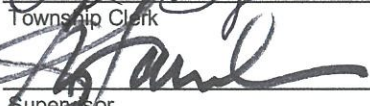
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Washington Township)

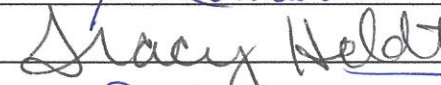
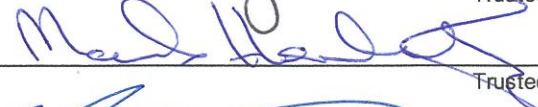
We the undersigned, comprising the Board of Trustees of
Washington Township, having duly met at the Clerks office on **July 9, 2026**, for the
purpose of auditing the Road & Bridge account, do hereby certify that the following claims or demands
against said township were presented, and examined, were allowed at said meeting, to wit:

Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	Ck #	Nature of Claim	Amount
9554	6/2	Berkot's Finer Foods	9994	Supplies - water & cleaning Inv # 35388 / 57528	\$ 142.81
9555	6/2	Interstate Asphalt	9995	Cold Patch Mix - Inv # 11403	\$ 1,140.15
9556	6/2	NICOR	9996	Acct #58285823769 / Bill date 5/10/26	\$ 188.03
9557	6/2	NCL Government Capital	9997	Mini Excavator Lease - Inv # 52821	\$ 17,121.25
9558	6/2	Mike Smith	9998	Reimbursement Clothing Allowance (Farm & Fleet)	\$ 216.45
9559	6/2	Beecher Fuel Account	9999	Equipment Fuel - 5/1/26 to 5/31/26 - Inv # 1107	\$ 2,328.60
9560	6/2	Sikich	10000	Professional Services - Audit - Inv # 206151 (40%)	\$ 1,400.00
9561	6/2	Surf Internet	10001	Internet service - Acct # 93011007437 - Bill date 6/1/26	\$ 69.95
9562	6/2	VCNA Prairie Materials	10002	Stone - Inv # 892453955 / 892458911 / 892462172 / 8624648	\$ 3,839.79
9563	6/16	ComEd	10003	Utilities - Acct #2497892222 - Bill date - 6/5/26	\$ 198.95
9564	6/16	AT&T Mobility	10004	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X06/9/2026	\$ 160.90
9565	6/16	NICOR	10005	Acct #58285823769 / Bill date 6/10/26	\$ 72.77
9566	6/18	Cintas Uniforms	10006	Uniforms - Acct # 14943430 (May)	\$ 478.88
9567	6/18	DeJong Equipment	10007	Parts - Inv # CR9979	\$ 25.50
9568	6/18	John Deere Credit	10008	Battery - Inv # 12384215	\$ 553.61
9569	6/18	R.P. Lumber	10009	Supplies - Inv # 5015476	\$ 20.97
9570	6/18	T&M Tire Service	10010	Mount tire - Inv # 197732	\$ 50.00
9571	6/18	TIFCO Industries	10011	Shop supplies - Inv # 72197667	\$ 317.31
9572	6/18	Interstate Asphalt LLC	10012	Cold patch / screenings - Inv # 11470 / 11474 / 11478 / 11435	\$ 2,665.74
9573	6/12	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	ACH	Professional services (May) - Inv # 494	\$ 820.00
9574	6/25	Village of Beecher	EFT	RB Health Insurance - Inv # 2026-06	\$ 7,330.18
9575	6/26	June Payroll - QuickBooks	Misc.	Payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$ 24,748.72
				Total disbursements	\$ 63,890.56

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on **July 9, 2026**.

Road Commissioner


Township Clerk

Supervisor


Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees
Town 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 Township office on **July 9, 2026**, 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
7041	6/2	NICOR	9764	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 5/11/26	\$ 128.24
7042	6/2	Teressa Peterson	9765	Reimbursement Postage	\$ 10.48
7043	6/2	S&K Security	9766	Monitoring fees - 6/1/26 to 8/31/26 - Inv # 158743	\$ 212.73
7044	6/2	R.P. Lumber	9767	Safety Vest - Inv # 5125043	\$ 24.99
7045	6/2	Michael Summers	9768	Reimbursement for tape measure(Assessor)	\$ 49.63
7046	6/2	CLR Digital	9769	Calendar App Monthly Fee - Inv # 4090	\$ 125.00
7047	6/2	Pace Vanpool	9770	Monthly Van rental - Inv # 668890	\$ 100.00
7048	6/2	Comcast	9771	Internet - # 10295 - Bill date - 5/24/26	\$ 231.65
7049	6/2	Beecher Fuel Account	9772	Bus fuel - 5/1/26 to 5/31/26 - Inv # 1108	\$ 61.07
7050	6/2	Sikich	9773	Professional Services - Audit Inv # 206151 (50%)	\$ 1,750.00
7051	6/2	Township Officials of IL	9774	2026-2027 Annual Dues	\$ 797.95
7052	6/2	Sollitt Tap	9775	Catering - Senior Breakfast - Inv# ST-2026-01	\$ 660.79
7053	6/2	Joliet Slammers	9777	Food vouchers for 6/16 Game	\$ 260.00
7054	6/16	Berkot's Finer Foods	9778	Senior Breakfast - Inv # 34336-12	\$ 53.97
7055	6/16	Leading IT	9779	Website maintenance renewal - Inv # 145127	\$ 600.00
7056	6/16	Tom's Truck Repair	9780	Safety Lane Inspection - Inv # 16097	\$ 40.00
7057	6/16	R.P. Lumber	9781	Building Maintenance - Inv #5186590	\$ 44.99
7058	6/16	Joe Burgess	9782	Reimbursement Senior Movie Nite - Jewel Foods	\$ 64.93
7059	6/16	BMS Lawncare	9783	Lawn services - Inv # 15988	\$ 105.00
7060	6/16	Patricia Peters	9784	Webinar & Senior Freeze Supplies	\$ 86.81
7061	6/16	Quill Corporation	9785	Office supplies - Inv # 49257749	\$ 203.97
7062	6/16	ComEd	9786	Electric bill - Acct # 4544334000 - Bill date 6/5/26	\$ 431.35
7063	6/16	NICOR	9788	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 6/10/26	\$ 77.66
7064	6/19	Cytracom	EFT	Phone Service - Inv # 481105	\$ 293.26
7065	6/22	Bruce Mead	9789	Bus driver to Joliet Slammers game - 6/16/26	\$ 159.25
7066	6/22	Beecher School District 200U	9790	Transportation to Joliet Slammers game - 6/16/26	\$ 69.30
7067	6/23	Michael Summers	9791	Milage reimbursement for measuring (5/19 - 6/19) (Assessor)	\$ 97.30
7068	6/4	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	ACH	Professional services - (May) Inv # 493	\$ 1,025.00
7068	6/26	June Payroll - QuickBooks	ACH	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$ 13,567.40
TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS					\$ 21,332.72

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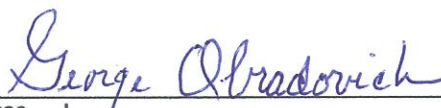
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on **July 9, 2026**.



Township Supervisor



Township Clerk



Trustee



Trustee



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July 6, 2026

Guest Sign-in Sheet

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