

Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees

August 3, 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 **July** 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, Assessor Patricia Peters and Highway Commissioner Mikle Smith

Approval of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated July 6, 2026:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the July 6, 2026, Board meeting minutes as presented. Being none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2026, board meeting as presented. Trustee Goldrick seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote.**

Public Commentary:

Trustee Heldt invited Will County Sheriff Sargent Todd Wittmayer to attend the meeting. Sargent Wittmayer explained that Washington Township was not his district, but he covers the district often for various reasons and was attending tonight's meeting to learn about and address any concerns the Board would like to discuss. He said Washington Township is generally problem free and for that reason the sheriff's department uses limited resources in the area.

Supervisor Stanula explained the most recent request for a Special Use Permit was allowed to hold a "car show" on May 16 & 17 on the property just east and adjacent to the township. Stanula explained that the person requesting the event was originally declined the permit for several reasons and eventually granted the permit after agreeing to conditions to ensure there was adequate security, washrooms and other restrictions were followed. However, none of those requirements were met and the Will County police were called on several occasions to address noise, parking issues and continuing the event after the hours as specified on the permit. He thanked the sheriff's department for responding and said they came out on Sunday to ensure the party was shut down on time. Stanula said many attempts were made to reach Will County Land Use regarding the issues, but no one answers the phone on weekends. Sargent Wittmayer said this occasionally happens all over the county and the department is shorthanded and does the best they can to respond to calls and often will contact the local police to assist even though they are outside their jurisdiction. He explained that contacting the sheriff's office prior to the event and providing the permit details may result in more police presence during the area on the day of the event and alerts officers to the restrictions or conditions that are supposed to be followed.

Wittmayer explained any pictures or videos of the event could be sent to Will County Land Use and they can use that information to pursue action against the permit holder from the State's Attorney's Office, which could lead to fines or legal action.

Stanula asked if a "hotline" could be setup to reach someone at the county on weekends and Sargent Wittmayer agreed that was good idea and suggested contacting Land Use to discuss that request. Trustee Obradovich asked if the sheriff's responding to an event can take any action if there was indecent exposure, underage drinking or public intoxication and Sargent Wittmayer explained that if the officers witness any of that type of behavior arrests can be made, but they must witness the action. Trustee Heldt asked about gunshots fired in the township and Wittmayer explained shooting on private property is allowed if the property has berms or other safety measures in place and the shooting has to be occurring when the police arrive.

Wittmayer reiterated the best course of action at this time is to notify the sheriff's office prior to the event and always notify Land Use if there were problems after the event. Land Use can track that information and possibly deny future requests from the parties involved. He offered to come to more meetings and left his card with the Board and said to call him if there are any additional questions or concerns.

Reports:

1. Road Commissioner - Commissioner Smith read his written report (attached). The highway department has spent a lot of time with cleanup efforts due to the recent severe weather that went through the area on July 27. The township and school district's radio system antenna, which is located on the village's water tower was damaged during the storm and will be repaired on August 5. The fence at the township was damaged by a semi attempting to turnaround in the parking area. Smith will contact the township's insurance company and start the process to have the fence repaired.
2. Assessor - Assessor Peters reported Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant attended a recent Will County Assessor's meeting to discuss the proposed Illinois bill allowing a county's Supervisor of Assessments to in part, complete unfinished assessments and charge the township for the work. Executive Bertino-Tarrant knows the sponsor of the bill and will speak to them regarding the concerns from the local assessors. There was also a discussion regarding the Will County Supervisor of Assessment's Office and how that office communicates to local assessors.

Peters also explained that Washington Township was given a multiplier of just over 5% and said the increase is based on a "sales ratio study" that looks at what homes sell for versus their current assessed value. She explained Manhattan Township only received a 1% multiplier and that achieving a 1% multiplier is not common and the Manhattan assessor is utilizing a different program for valuing homes, and it is not shared to other assessors.

Peters also reported that her office has until September 14 to get all the new construction on the tax rolls, and she has been utilizing all of the office staff to help with drawing, filing and other necessary tasks and expects to meet the deadline.

3. Clerk - The Annual Resource Fair is scheduled for August 8 at Firemen's Park from 9 am - 1 pm.

4. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Stanula is working on the township's Will County Grant to release the remaining funds to help cover the cost of the new HVAC system installed at the Community Hall.
5. Trustees Report – No report.
6. Transportation Report – The Dial-a-Ride service provided 72 trips in July at a cost of \$1,418.73.
7. General Assistance Report – A local family requested assistance to prevent them from being evicted from their home. Supervisor Stanula negotiated with their landlord and a \$2000 "emergency assistance" grant was paid to their landlord to prevent the eviction.

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 – Supervisor Stanula is still waiting for an estimate from TK Audio Video for the fire alarm upgrades.
3. Washington Township Bike Trail Extension – There was nothing new to report at this time and Supervisor Stanula said it could take a while before the first meeting is scheduled to discuss extending the trail into the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Assistance Account

Per Supervisor Stanula's General Assistance Report, there was one payment from the General Assistance account for Emergency Assistance totaling \$2000.00.

Motion:

Trustee Heldt made a motion to authorize the appropriate transfers from the General Assistance Account for the month of **July** totaling \$2000.00. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

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 **July** totaling \$23,057.87. 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 **July** 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 **July** totaling **\$83,275.99**. 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

- **Sep 2** (Wed) - Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm at the Washington Township Center

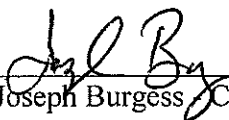
Announcements:

- **Aug 8** – Resource Fair @ Firemen’s Park
- **Aug 22** – Concert in the Park – “One Of These Nights”

Adjournment:

Being no additional business to discuss, Trustee Goldrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**. The Board Meeting adjourned at **7:51 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Burgess, Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 9/2/2026

Washington Township

Highway Department

30200 Town Center Dr.

Beecher, Illinois 60401

708- 946-6459 Fax 708-946-6459

Michael Smith Highway Commissioner

1. We are working on storm clean up and will resume tar and chip projects when finished.
2. The antenna for our radio system was damaged in the storm. After contacting 4 different companies, I found someone that was willing to repair/replace it. They will be out Wednesday.
3. Our fence was damaged last week but not by the storm. A semi tried to turn around in the lot and caught the fence. I was able to stop the driver as he was trying to take off and contacted the police. The officer said the report would be available this week.

Michael Smith

Highway Commissioner

Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees
Road & Bridge Account

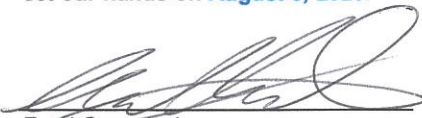
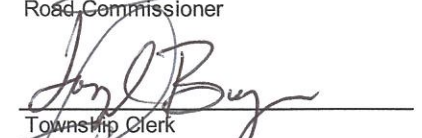
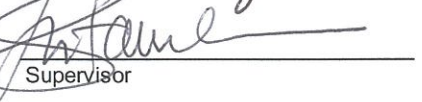
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Washington Township)

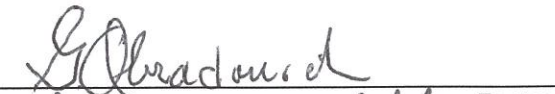
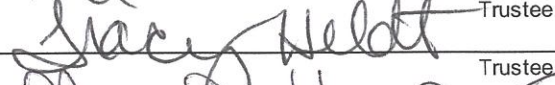
We the undersigned, comprising the Board of Trustees of
Washington Township, having duly met at the Clerks office on **August 3, 2026**, for the
purpose of auditing the Road & Bridge account, do hereby certify that the following claims or demands
against said township were presented, and examined, were allowed at said meeting, to wit:

Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	Ck #	Nature of Claim	Amount
9576	7/6	Pye-Barker Fire & Safety	10013	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections - Inv # IV-01195490	\$ 355.12
9577	7/6	Surf Internet	10014	Internet service - Acct # 93011007437 - Bill date 7/1/26	\$ 69.95
9578	7/6	Homewood Disposal	10015	Semi Annual Dumpster Charge - Inv # 9988436	\$ 511.92
9579	7/6	Washington Township Community Buildin	10016	Reimbursement for Homewood Disposal (misapplied to CB in Jan)	\$ 502.44
9580	7/8	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	ACH	Professional services (June) - Inv # 505	\$ 760.00
9581	7/13	AT&T Mobility	10017	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X07/9/2026	\$ 160.92
9582	7/13	Berkot's Super Foods	10018	Water & Building supplies - Inv # 38949 / 43635	\$ 169.89
9583	7/13	ComEd	10019	Utilities - Acct #2497892222 - Bill date - 7/7/26	\$ 231.64
9584	7/13	DeJong Equipment	10020	Batwing mower - Inv # CR72139	\$ 24,000.00
9585	7/13	Gallagher Materials	10022	Cold Patch Asphalt - Inv # 42779	\$ 1,155.88
9586	7/13	Interstate Battery	10023	Batteries - Inv # 499135	\$ 573.80
9587	7/13	KGG LLC	10024	Legal fees- Inv # 78460	\$ 399.50
9588	7/13	Napa Auto Parts	10025	Parts - Inv # 136462	\$ 448.03
9589	7/13	Shorewood Home & Auto	10026	Parts - Inv #02-520666	\$ 110.97
9590	7/13	Sluiter Auto Electric	10027	Parts - Inv # 534204	\$ 277.00
9591	7/13	TIFCO Industries	10028	Shop supplies - Inv # 72210889	\$ 1,133.91
9592	7/13	Beecher Fuel Account	10029	Equipment Fuel - 6/1/26 to 6/30/26 - Inv # 1114	\$ 2,304.83
9593	7/13	R.P. Lumber	10030	Supplies - Inv # 5042387 / 5249971	\$ 27.37
9594	7/14	Sikich	10031	Professional Services - Audit - Inv # 210777 (40%)	\$ 2,400.00
9595	7/14	Fratco Inc.	10032	Drainage pipe - Inv # 65921-2	\$ 1,336.03
9596	7/27	AHW - Watseka	10033	Equipment Parts - Inv # 12412526	\$ 73.94
9597	7/27	Cintas Uniforms	10034	Uniforms - Acct # 14943430 (June)	\$ 478.88
9598	7/27	E.D. Etnyre & Co.	10035	Equipment Parts - Inv # 754143	\$ 2,115.72
9599	7/27	Jeans Septic Service	10036	Pump basins & septic tank - Inv # B26-732	\$ 637.50
9600	7/27	NICOR	10037	Acct #58285823769 / Bill date 7/10/26	\$ 70.94
9601	7/27	TIFCO Industries	10038	Shop supplies - Inv # 72211817	\$ 128.83
9602	7/27	Village of Beecher	EFT	RB Health Insurance - Inv # 2026-07	\$ 7,330.18
9603	7/31	July Payroll - QuickBooks	Misc.	Payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$ 35,510.80
Total disbursements					\$ 83,275.99

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on **August 3, 2026**.


Road Commissioner

Township Clerk

Supervisor


Trustee

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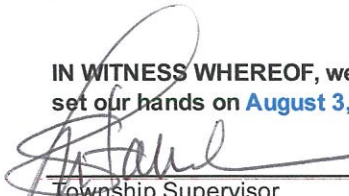
**Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees
General Assistance Account**

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 **August 3, 2026** for the
purpose of auditing the General Assistance 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	Vendor / CASE NUMBER	CK	Nature of Claim (EA or GA)	Amount
2524	7/14	Confidential / Jesus R.	EFT	Rent	\$2,000.00
TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS					\$2,000.00

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on **August 3, 2026**.



Township Supervisor



Township Clerk



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 **August 3, 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
7070	7/6	Pye-Barker Fire & Safety	9792	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections - Inv # IV-01191628	\$ 789.44
7071	7/6	Quill Corporation	9793	Office supplies - Inv # 49323549	\$ 239.86
7072	7/6	Comcast	9794	Internet - # 10295 - Bill date - 6/24/26	\$ 231.65
7073	7/6	Pace Vanpool	9795	Monthly Van rental - Inv # 670211	\$ 100.00
7074	7/6	Crete Township	9796	Quicken Fees	\$ 222.00
7075	7/6	Quill Corporation	9797	Office supplies - Inv # 49330540	\$ 13.20
7076	7/8	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	ACH	Professional services - (June) Inv # 504	\$ 950.00
7077	7/13	Berkot's Finer Foods	9798	Water - Inv # 44121-15	\$ 12.00
7078	7/13	Bruce Mead	9799	Bus driver to White Sox game - 7/7/26	\$ 170.63
7079	7/13	Beecher School District 200U	9800	Transportation to White Sox game - 7/7/26	\$ 66.60
7080	7/13	BMS Lawncare	9801	Lawn services - Inv # 16295	\$ 175.00
7081	7/13	Melanie Brenenstall	9802	Reimbursement mileage - Assessor Training - Springfield	\$ 264.60
7082	7/13	IL Property Assessment Institute	9803	Virtual Training Course - Brenenstall	\$ 400.00
7083	7/13	KGG LLC	9804	Legal fees - Inv # 78741	\$ 154.00
7084	7/13	Patricia Peters	9805	Reimbursement mileage - Assessor Homer Glen meeting	\$ 124.66
7085	7/13	Michael Summers	9806	Milage reimbursement for measuring (6/25 - 7/9) (Assessor)	\$ 43.50
7086	7/13	Beecher Fuel Account	9807	Bus fuel - 6/1/26 to 6/30/26 - Inv # 1115	\$ 61.42
7087	7/14	Sikich LLC	9808	Professional Services - Audit Inv # 210777 (50%)	\$ 3,000.00
7088	7/19	Cytracom	EFT	Phone Service - Inv # 487439	\$ 293.72
7089	7/27	ComEd	9809	Electric bill - Acct # 4544334000 - Bill date 7/7/26	\$ 453.26
7090	7/27	CLR Digital	9810	Calendar App Monthly Fee - Inv # 4111	\$ 125.00
7091	7/27	NICOR	9811	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 7/10/26	\$ 66.94
7092	7/27	Patricia Peters	9812	Reimbursement mileage - Notary Renewal	\$ 162.20
7093	7/31	July Payroll - QuickBooks	ACH	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$ 14,938.19
				TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 23,057.87

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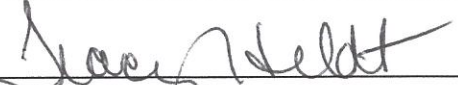
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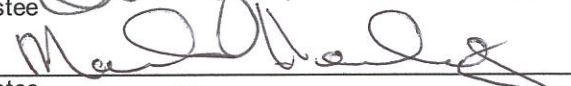
Township Clerk



Trustee



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**Washington Township Board Meeting
August 3, 2026 - 7:00 pm
Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated July 6, 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. Bike Trail Trough Washington Township

New Business

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications

Payment of Bills

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

Upcoming Township Meetings (At the Washington Township Center)

- **September 2** – Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Announcements

- **Aug 8** – Resource Fair @ Firemen's Park (9am)

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.

August 3, 2026

Guest Sign-in Sheet

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