

Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees

September 2, 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 **August** 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 the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated August 3, 2026:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August 3, 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 August 3, 2026, board meeting as presented. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote.**

Public Commentary: None

New Business Agenda Item 3

Thriveworks Update – Beecher Fire District – Beecher Fire Chief Joe Falaschetti presented a plaque to the Washington Township Board for partnering with them in 2024 to create the Washington Township Mental Health Program that offered free mental health services for the residents of the township. The fire district oversaw the program, and the township offered the financial backing. Falaschetti thanked the township for their vision and commitment to the program and said the program has been very successful and reported the total number of mental health-related calls to the fire district has dropped 42% when comparing 2023 versus 2025. Falaschetti gave Deputy Chief Tim McGannon credit for overseeing the program and being the “boots on the ground” behind its success.

Trustee Heldt asked about the grant and Chief Falaschetti explained the district applied for and received a \$80,000 grant through the state to continue funding the program. The grant was included with a larger grant received by the City of Joliet. He explained that Will County is interested in taking over the Beecher, Joliet and similar mental health programs in the county and would like to expand the program to the entire county.

Reports:

1. Road Commissioner - Commissioner Smith was not in attendance but left a written report (attached) that was read by Supervisor Stanula. Stanula said he has received a quote for \$1960 to repair the fence that was damaged by a semi a few weeks ago. The claim has been filed with the Township's insurance company.

Also, Commissioner Smith has spoken to Mr. Popovich about upcoming work to Delite Inn Road and Popovich expressed his gratitude about the planned updates. Popovich had expressed concerns about the road to the Board at the July board meeting.

The district is also working to pick up all the fallen trees and branches that came down during the recent storms. Most of the debris is located in ditches along township roads or on the township's easements.

2. Assessor - Assessor Peter reported a second notice of revised assessments has been sent to area residents because of an error on the first notice that listed the "Market Value" as the same amount as the "Assessed Value". This notice is confusing many residents and generating many phone calls. She is currently working on three appeals that could end up before the county Board of Appeals. The county has directed assessors to inform citizens to report any property that was destroyed by the recent storms. The affected property will then be reviewed by the local assessor and could be removed from the tax rolls.
3. Clerk - A senior movie night is scheduled for September 16, and the Fall Newsletter will be mailed in mid-October.
4. Supervisor's Report - No report.
5. Trustees Report - Trustee Goldrick suggested that a generator be installed at the Community Building. The building houses the township's Food Pantry and during the last storm a portable generator was used to prevent thousands of dollars' worth of food from spoiling. Additionally, the building is a backup emergency shelter facility for the Beecher EMA. Goldrick noted with no backup power, the building could not be available as an emergency shelter. He suggested considering a generator large enough to run heat, lighting and the food pantry refrigeration units. Supervisor Stanula questioned who would pay for the unit because the Community Building Board recently replaced the entire HVAC system and they have limited funds at this time. There was then a discussion regarding if other local entities could provide some funding or if any grants were available to purchase a unit.

Trustee Heldt has been in contact with Will County Executive Jennier Bertino-Tarrant and has a meeting setup with her on September 24 to discuss issues that affect Washington Township. She invited other members to attend the meeting and asked the Board if they had any specific issues they would like addressed. One of the goals of the meeting is to open dialog with the county and address concerns that have also been asked by township residents.
6. Transportation Report - The Dial-a-Ride service provided 81 trips in August at a cost of \$1,458.81.

7. General Assistance Report – There were no General Assistance payouts or applications received in August.

Community Building - Board Manager Teresa Peterson explained that on Aug 25, a newly installed HVAC unit sprung a water leak and caused water damage to the downstairs office and flooded a section of the floor on the north side of the building. There was also water damage under the area where the unit is located. Pro-Serv was contacted, and they came in to remove the water and to discard the damaged ceiling tiles and other items. They placed dehumidifiers and fans in the downstairs to help dry out the area and those units will be in place for several days. Peterson said she was concerned about the new vinyl floor that was installed several months ago but the installer checked the floor, and he does not believe there will be any problems because the floor was thoroughly glued down.

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 explained that building code no longer allows fire alarms to be connected to camera or security systems as he has previously discussed. All fire alarms must be on a separate annunciator panel and TK Audio Video is bringing in a contractor to review and quote on installing additional alarms and a new panel.
3. Washington Township Bike Trail Extension – There was no action or discussion on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications – There were no pending zoning applications to discuss.
2. CASA of Will County Sponsorship Request – The Board reviewed the \$3000 sponsorship request from CASA of River Valley and Clerk Burgess explained there was \$2000 in the budget for this yearly request. Last year the program served 12 children from Washington Township and according to CASA, the cost to help one child is \$1500 per year. Trustee Goldrick recommended following the budget.

MOTION:

Trustee Goldrick made a motion to approve a **\$2,000** sponsorship to CASA of River Valley. Trustee Obradovich seconded the motion to open discussion.

Trustee Obradovich recommended a \$3000 sponsorship to CASA citing the work they are performing for the children in the township, and that CASA provides a valuable service. Goldrick said the budget should be followed and Supervisor Stanula was concerned about a budget deficit for the year. Clerk Burgess explained the township would not see a deficit this year because the \$50,000 parking lot project was eliminated and there will be unused funds available from the Mental Health and Senior programs. The Board determined there would be additional funds available for CASA.

AMENDED MOTION:

Trustee Goldrick then moved to amend the motion and change the sponsorship amount from \$2000 to **\$3000**. Trustee Obradovich seconded the amended motion.

There was no additional discussion on the motion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

3. Thriveworks Update – Beecher Fire District – This item was discussed after Public Commentary.
4. Website Update – Clerk Burgess explained the township's website is running on old software and a recent upgrade would not allow him to make updates to the website. He called Webfoot/Leading IT, and they explained the website needs to be moved to their new platform because in the near future, the old platform will no longer be supported by the vendor. However, they were able to remove the recent upgrade so the website could be updated. Burgess explained that once the old platform is eliminated, the township will need to upgrade with Webfoot or find a new company to host the website. Moving the website to Webfoot's new platform will require a transition fee and would also cost the township a monthly fee going forward, which is not occurring at this time. Burgess will look for other options for the website.
5. Landscaping around Road Sign – The landscaping installed around the road sign last year did not survive last summer's heat and needs to be addressed. It was recommended that decorative stone be installed around the sign to control weed growth and it would also be easier to mow around the sign.
6. Renewal of Electrical Aggregation Agreement – Supervisor Stanula said he has been contacted by Nania Energy Advisors, and the Board has been asked to consider reviewing an updated aggregation agreement in October. This item will be placed on the October agenda.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Town Account (including Transportation Fund)

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

Motion:

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, debits, and appropriate transfers from the Town Account for the month of **August** totaling **\$19,960.02**. 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 **August** bills as reviewed by Commissioner Mike Smith and presented by the Clerk.

Motion:

Trustee Goldrick 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 **August** totaling **\$56,583.80**. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**.

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- **October 5** - Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm at the Washington Township Center

Announcements:

- **September 16** – Senior Movie Night @ 6:30 pm at the Washington Township Center
- Trustees Heldt and Obradovich indicated they will not be attending the October meeting.
- Clerk Burgess and Assessor Peters recently met with a member of the Illinois State Archives division to discuss the disposal of old township records that are no longer required to be maintained.

Adjournment:

Being no additional business to discuss, Trustee Goldrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion, and the motion was **unanimously approved by voice vote**. The Board Meeting adjourned at **8:10 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Burgess - Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 10/5/2026

Washington Township

Highway Department

30200 Town Center Dr.

Beecher, Illinois 60401

708- 946-6459 Fax 708-946-6459

Michael Smith Highway Commissioner

1. Our repeater antenna has been repaired and put back up with a new base. Tower Works used a crane to remove and replace the unit. They welded and painted all the frame work. The bill will be split 50/50 with the school district as they use the same repeater.
2. Toirma is working on our claim for the fence. Mr. Fence dropped off an estimate to repair the fence.
3. We are working on finishing our tar and chip projects now that storm clean up is winding down.
4. We have been stockpiling stone for fall maintenance and road repair projects. Once our tar and chip projects are finished we will begin hauling and tailgating stone on our stone roads.

Michael Smith

Highway Commissioner

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 **September 2, 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:

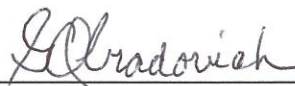
Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	CK	Nature of Claim	Amount
7094	8/17	BMS Lawncare	9813	Lawn services - Inv # 16550	\$ 170.00
7095	8/17	Comcast	9814	Internet - # 10295 - Bill date - 7/24/26	\$ 232.23
7096	8/17	CLR Digital	9815	Calendar App Monthly Fee - Inv # 4139	\$ 125.00
7097	8/17	ComEd	9816	Electric bill - Acct # 4544334000 - Bill date 8/5/26	\$ 576.74
7098	8/17	Leading IT	9817	Website Hosting renewal - Inv # 145947	\$ 120.00
7099	8/17	Pace Vanpool	9818	Monthly Van rental - Inv # 671578	\$ 100.00
7100	8/17	Quill Corporation	9819	Office supplies - Inv # 49873466 / 49897743	\$ 153.97
7101	8/17	Beecher Fuel Account	9820	Bus fuel - 7/1/26 to 7/31/26 - Inv # 1121	\$ 72.36
7102	8/17	Argus Service Inc	9821	Background check - Inv # 936945 (Brenenstall)	\$ 72.00
7103	8/17	Cirone Computer Consulting	9822	PAMSPPro license (8/10/26 - 8/10/27) - Inv # 7230	\$ 3,875.00
7104	8/17	IL Property Assessment Institute	9823	Virtual Training Course - Inv # 614173	\$ 400.00
7105	8/17	Joseph Burgess	9824	Resource Fair chair & table rental (Lee's Rental)	\$ 360.00
7106	8/17	Michael Summers	9825	Milage reimbursement for measuring (7/10 - 8/3) (Assessor)	\$ 74.17
7107	8/19	Cytracom	ACH	Phone Service - Inv # 493661	\$ 293.72
7108	8/25	NICOR	9826	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 8/11/26	\$ 67.57
7109	8/25	KGG LLC	9827	Legal fees - Inv # 79320	\$ 88.00
7110	8/25	R.P. Lumber	9828	Building Supplies - Inv #5505980	\$ 9.18
7111	8/25	S&K Security	9829	Monitoring fees - 9/1/26 to 11/30/26 - Inv # 160029	\$ 212.73
7112	8/14	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	ACH	Professional services - (July) Inv # 511	\$ 950.00
7113	8/28	August Payroll - QuickBooks	ACH	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$ 12,007.35
TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS					\$ 19,960.02

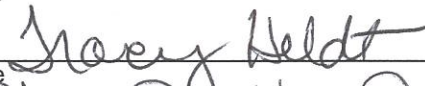
Void Ck

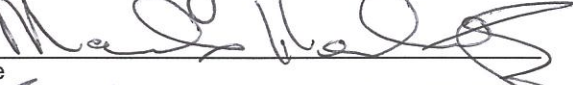
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto set our hands on **September 2, 2026**.


Township Supervisor


Township Clerk


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee

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 **September 2, 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:

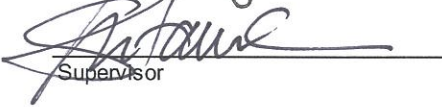
Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	Ck #	Nature of Claim	Amount
9604	8/17	ComEd	10039	Utilities - Acct #2497892222 - Bill date - 8/5/26	\$ 272.48
9605	8/25	E.D. Etnyre & Co.	10050	Equipment Parts - Inv # 755151	\$ 77.76
9606	8/17	Interstate Asphalt	10041	Asphalt - Inv # 11515 / 11523 / 11525	\$ 1,207.36
9607	8/17	Surf Internet	10042	Internet service - Acct # 93011007437 - Bill date 8/1/26	\$ 69.95
9608	8/17	Beecher Fuel Account	10043	Equipment Fuel - 7/1/26 to 7/31/26 - Inv # 1120	\$ 3,208.62
9609	8/17	VCNA Prairie Materials	10044	Stone - Inv # 892585064 / 892589511	\$ 2,415.35
9610	8/17	R.P. Lumber	10045	Lumber - Inv # 5447083	\$ 71.64
9611	8/17	Sluiter Auto Electric	10046	Parts - Inv # 534204	\$ 100.00
9612	8/17	AT&T Mobility	10047	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X08/9/2026	\$ 155.92
9613	8/17	John Deere Credit	10048	Parts - Inv # 1242526	\$ 73.94
9614	8/25	Cintas Uniforms	10049	Uniforms - Acct # 14943430 (July)	\$ 600.25
9615	8/25	Murray Overhead Doors	10051	Door repairs - Inv # 48922	\$ 300.00
9616	8/25	NICOR	10052	Acct #58285823769 / Bill date 8/11/26	\$ 71.59
9617	8/25	Tower Works	10053	Repair communication tower on Beecher water tower (Storm damage) - Inv # 69199	\$ 14,500.00
9618	8/14	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	ACH	Professional services (July) - Inv # 512	\$ 760.00
9619	8/25	Village of Beecher	EFT	RB Health Insurance - Inv # 2026-08	\$ 7,330.18
9620	8/28	August Payroll - QuickBooks	Misc.	Payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$ 25,368.76
Total disbursements					\$ 56,583.80

VOID Cks
1040

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on **September 2, 2026**.


Road Commissioner


Township Clerk


Supervisor


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee

**Washington Township Board Meeting
September 2, 2026 - 7:00 pm
Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated August 3, 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
2. CASA of Will County Sponsorship Request
3. Thriveworks Update – Beecher Fire District
4. Website Update

Payment of Bills

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

Upcoming Township Meetings (At the Washington Township Center)

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

Announcements

- **Sep 16** – Senior Movie Night @ Washington Township Center

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.

September 2, 2026

By checking the Public Commentary "box" you are agreeing to abide by the Washington Township Public Commentary Policy as printed on the back of the Meeting Agenda.

Guest Sign-in Sheet

[illegible]