



February 19th, 2026, Meeting Minutes

<p>Called to Order by: Supervisor Bob Nowicki Date: February 19th, 2026 Time: 7:00pm Location: Township Office 5792 Elevator Road Roscoe IL</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Attendance Roll Call: <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee John Ballano (absent) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Dave Benjamin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Greg Ragan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Scott Sallinger <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Bob Nowicki</p>
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Public Comments:	None
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<p>Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee John Ballano <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Dave Benjamin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Greg Ragan- <i>Motion 1</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Scott Sallinger <i>Motion 2</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Bob Nowicki</p> <p>Roll call/all approved</p>	<p>Approval of General Fund: \$31,530.59 <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee John Ballano <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Dave Benjamin- <i>Motion 2</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Greg Ragan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Scott Sallinger- <i>Motion 1</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Bob Nowicki</p> <p>Roll call/all approved</p>	<p>Approval of Roadway Fund: \$68,720.78 <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee John Ballano <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Dave Benjamin- <i>Motion 1</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Greg Ragan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Scott Sallinger- <i>Motion 2</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Bob Nowicki</p> <p>Roll call/all approved</p>	<p>Approval of Cemetery Fund: \$292.57 <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee John Ballano <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Dave Benjamin- <i>Motion 1</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Greg Ragan- <i>Motion 2</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Scott Sallinger <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Bob Nowicki</p> <p>Roll call/all approved</p>
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New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance 2026-1 – Monthly Meeting Schedule Change (Exhibit A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved changing regular meetings to the second Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., effective with March; must be published at least 10 days prior. ○ Intent to finalize moving meeting time to 6:00 p.m. carried; staff to publish notice. • Architect/Engineer Interviews for Future Park Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purpose: initiate design/permitting support for park projects and prepare for grant opportunities. ○ Angus-Young discussed as a preferred local firm with municipal experience; contact: Tom Lynn.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Distinction between civil engineering needs (e.g., parking lot) and architectural scope (e.g., bathroom expansion). ○ splash pad vendors often supply engineering packages but require stamped plans. ○ Budget approval needed prior to pursuing grants/spending; preliminary outreach made to health department and other contacts. ● Budget Timelines and Approval Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarified differences in beginning/ending balances due to year-end estimates and snow costs. ○ Road budget motion corrected to finalize tentative 2026-2-R road budget with a 30-day display; preference to align road and general budget timelines and keep ordinance numbering sequential. ○ Decision to hold action to align processes and timelines. ● Recreation Budget Scope and Park Inclusivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current capital outlay lists Cross Park/community center; trustees want broader descriptions to include Hawes Park, Kelley Myers, and Stonebridge Trail without changing dollar amounts. ○ No action taken <p>☒ Assessor’s Office Budget Increase and Justification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Requested increase ~36% (from ~127,000 to 171,000–173,000); legal/assessment line from 11,000 to 23,000; appraisals estimated ~15,000; legal needs rising due to commercial/industrial appeals. ● Office staffing: 1 full-time, 2 part-time; seasonal help as needed; part-time without benefits. ● Trustees requested detailed justification: line items, staffing changes, historical actuals (prior FY and current YTD), anticipated appeals, legal/appraisal costs; avoid arbitrary caps. ● Legal billing/retainers: YTD legal ~3,500 since Apr 1; retainer exists with firm; next invoice will show application and remaining balance; potential second retainer <p>No ACTION taken on budgets at this time pending further review</p>
<p>Reports:</p>	<p>1. Supervisors report Bob mentioned that he will be planting prairie seeds to enhance the community center prairie</p> <p>2. Highway Commissioner’s Report road Department Support – Kelley Myers Park Parking Lot Repairs</p> <p>a. Plan to remove old outhouse pits (“coffins”) and resurface to address heaving and plow damage; maintain pavilion access; temporary loss of some parking likely.</p>

	<p>b. Road Department to handle tear-out, replacement, leveling, and coordinate timing; costs/charge specifics not finalized.</p> <p>3. Activities coordinators report- Hannah was present and gave report about community center programming. Scheduling is going well, and she has creative ideas to add to programming. She has interest in wedding bookings as well. She mentioned getting new boots for chair bottoms to avoid scratching floors. Also mentioned was potential lock box at office for after hours payments</p> <p>4. Cemetery report Tracy mentioned that it was a slow month, but they are working on new signage for cemeteries.</p> <p>5. Historical society report (in packet)</p> <p>6. Assessors report Gino Galluzzo, legal representation for Cynthia Servant, assessor, was present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Requested increase ~36% (from ~127,000 to 171,000–173,000); legal/assessment line from 11,000 to 23,000; appraisals estimated ~15,000; legal needs rising due to commercial/industrial appeals. • Office staffing: 1 full-time, 2 part-time; seasonal help as needed; part-time without benefits. • Trustees requested detailed justification: line items, staffing changes, historical actuals (prior FY and current YTD), anticipated appeals, legal/appraisal costs; avoid arbitrary caps. • Legal billing/retainers: YTD legal ~3,500 since Apr 1; retainer exists with firm; next invoice will show application and remaining balance; potential second retainer suspected; audit needs reconciliation. • Fiscal year starts Apr 1; legal work concentrated Nov–Feb; upcoming invoice should complete the season. • No vote taken; decision deferred until detailed data presented; schedule meeting with Assessor (Cindy).
Unfinished/Old Business:	none
Public Comments:	none

Motion to Adjourn:
Trustee John Ballano
Second by Trustee Greg Ragan
All in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm

Next Meeting:

Date: March 11, 2026, 7pm at township offices

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Township Office

Respectfully submitted by,

Shelly Taylor

Township Clerk