Roscoe
TOWNSHIP

September 9th, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Called to Order by: Bob Nowicki Date: September 9th, 2026 Time: 6:02pm Location: Township Office 5792 Elevator Road Roscoe IL Pledge of Allegiance ☒	Attendance Roll Call: ☒Trustee John Ballano ☒Trustee Dave Benjamin ☒Trustee Greg Ragan ☒Trustee Scott Sallinger ☒Supervisor Bob Nowicki

Public comments	• A Roscoe resident, Liz Riesche, inquired about the status of developing new pickleball courts, noting existing courts are unsuitable. Local players currently travel to Newton Park or South Bay. • The board confirmed the project is under consideration, with feasibility studies ongoing for locations like Pos Park, Cross Park, the community center, and Feldmeyer off Doyle Road. • The resident suggested four courts would be better than two. • The board plans to include the project in upcoming budget and capital improvement discussions over the winter, aiming for a spring groundbreaking.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Roll call approval	Approval of General Fund: $45,030.39 Roll Call approval	Approval of Roadway Fund: $49,028.07 Roll call approval	Approval of Cemetery Fund: $8,444.86 Roll call approval
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All in favor-motion pass	All in favor-motion pass	All in favor-motion pass	All in favor-motion pass

New Business:	• Annual Audit Report (2025-2026) Lindsy Fish from Sikich CPA presented the annual audit for 2025-2026, which received an "unmodified opinion" (a clean audit).The total net position is approximately $9.8 million as of March 31, 2026, with an unrestricted net position of $825,000. • Total revenues were $1.976 million against expenses of about $1.7 million, resulting in a positive increase in the fund balance. The General Town Fund's balance increased by about $117,000.The township's IMRF pension plan is approximately 85% funded, with a net pension liability of $392,000, an improvement from $575,000 the previous year. • A deficit of $1,727,827 in the recreation fund was highlighted, primarily due to community center construction costs exceeding grant funds. This deficit is covered by the general fund. The board discussed potentially combining the recreation fund into the general town fund and voted to accept the audit report. • New Sign: A proposal for a new "Watchfire" LED sign was discussed. The price was reduced to around $35,000, and the design has village approval. However, hesitation was expressed due to future maintenance costs, with some suggesting the funds could be used more wisely. The board decided to table final approval until an updated, complete proposal including warranty information is received from the vendor. • Exterior Stairwell: The board approved a bid of $27,020.40 from Glenn Gold for the construction of an exterior stairwell at the community center, noting the cost was under the $30,000 threshold. The stairs will provide access for staff and maintenance. • Township Building Exterior: A bid of $6,140 was received for painting the building's exterior, with discussion on paint adhesion and the need for a written guarantee. For new signage, bids were received from Signs Now ($2,580 for plastic letters) and Fast Signs (over $3,300 for aluminum letters). The decision was tabled to gather more information on warranties and material samples. • Dugout Repair and Painting: The board discussed power washing and painting five or six dugouts. With a previously approved $12,000 for structural repairs, the total project cost could range from $19,000 to $32,000. Concerns were raised about the high investment given the underutilization of the baseball fields. It was suggested to proceed with structural repairs but have seasonal staff handle painting to save costs or to get new painting quotes in the spring. • Conference Room Ductwork: An estimate of $875 to insulate ductwork above the conference room ceiling to prevent condensation and water damage was discussed and deemed cost-effective

Reports:	• **Supervisor:** A decision regarding a $346,000 Certificate of Deposit (CD) due on September 26, 2026, was postponed. A special meeting will be held to discuss rates and renewal, aiming to align its due date with another CD. • A special meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2026, at 6 p.m. to discuss the upcoming budget levy, which must be completed by December 31, 2026. • **Highway:** Hard roads complete. The board discussed the need for better tracking of highway employee tasks. The current timecards lack detail, and a simple coding system was suggested to improve reporting without creating a significant burden. Highway department agreed to comply to a simple process. • **Cemetery: t**hree funerals two headstones • **Historical Society (in packet)** • **Activity Coordinator(in packet)** • **Committee: Parking Lot Project: T**he board is waiting for a bid from Arcadia to create 36 parking spots for a budgeted amount around $100,000. • It was noted the baseball fields are underutilized, primarily used for practice in the spring. Suggestions to increase usage included having the activities coordinator handle sports scheduling, starting a park league, or hosting tournaments. John Ballano brought the idea of repurposing the fields was met with caution due to the initial high cost of their construction. • **Attorney:** ATC Easement Offer: ATC resubmitted an identical offer of $17,100 for an easement on the Rockton Road path to cut vegetation. The offer was rejected as the path cannot be sold or altered due to existing conservation and rail banking easements, which prohibit such activity.
Unfinished/Old Business:	none
Other:	none
Public Comments:	none

Motion to adjourn: Greg Ragan
Second: John Ballano
Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm
Next Meeting:
Date: Wednesday October 7th, 2026
Time: 6:00pm

Location: Township Office
Respectfully submitted by *Shelly.Taylor?Clerk*