October 14th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Called to Order by: Shelly Taylor, Clerk Date: October 14th, 2026 Time: 6:30pm 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 (late. Came at 6:43pm)
Public comments	Roscoe residents, Elizabeth Riesche, Lorna Clark, Linda Swanson, and Joan McCarty, all present, and spoke in favor and support of pickleball courts.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Roll call approval	Approval of General Fund: $53.420.03 Roll Call approval	Approval of Roadway Fund: $69,092.69 Roll call approval	Approval of Cemetery Fund: $12,429.61 Roll call approval
☒Trustee John Ballano(motion) ☒Trustee Dave Benjamin ☒Trustee Greg Ragan ☒Trustee Scott Sallinger(second) ☒Supervisor Bob Nowicki **Approval of special Meeting Minutes:** Scott Sallinger Motion John Ballano Seco	☒Trustee John Ballano(motion) ☒Trustee Dave Benjamin(second) ☒Trustee Greg Ragan ☒Trustee Scott Sallinger ☒Supervisor Bob Nowick	☒Trustee John Ballano(motion) ☒Trustee Dave Benjamin ☒Trustee Greg Ragan(second) ☒Trustee Scott Sallinger ☒Supervisor Bob Nowicki	☒Trustee John Ballano(motion) ☒Trustee Dave Benjamin ☒Trustee Greg Ragan ☒Trustee Scott Sallinger(second) ☒Supervisor Bob Nowicki

New Business:	<u>Pickleball Project</u> • The board discussed hiring RK Johnson, a civil engineering firm previously used for the pavilion and community center, to develop concept and bid plans. • Construction estimates reviewed: ○ Midwest sports construction estimates range between $25,000 and $45,000 per court.

- Quotes from Dan Saavedra estimated 4 courts between $210,000 and $620,000, and 6 courts between $315,000 and $940,000.

- Conclusion: Bob motioned to engage RK Johnson for engineering and concept design of the pickleball courts was moved, John seconded, motion carried.
- The board reviewed Resolution R2026-5 to reappoint Tracy Terry to the cemetery committee for another term. Motion to pass resolution made by John Ballano, second by Dave Benjamin. Motion passed.
- Mike from Signs and Art presented details regarding a proposed electronic sign/message center for the community center:

  - A motion was made by Greg Ragan and seconded by Scott Sallinger to approve quote estimate E97730. Greg Ragan, Scott Sallinger, John Ballano, Dave Bemjamin voted in favor. Bob Nowicki voted no.

The board also discussed tabling a final decision on the Watchfire electronic message center to inspect local installations (e.g., Byron Bank/Byron Library with 6 mm display, Booker T. Washington Center with 10 mm display). An updated list with millimeter specs was requested.

Exterior building signage

- The board reviewed an estimate for exterior plastic letters from a Minnesota-based manufacturer with a lifetime warranty versus painted aluminum letters.
- Cost is approximately $5,000, requiring a 50% deposit to lock in pricing ahead of a January price increase by Gemini, with installation scheduled for spring.
- Conclusion: The board approved the estimate for the plastic letters via roll call vote (Trustee Dave Benjamin, Trustee Greg Reagan, Trustee Scott Salinger voted Yes; Supervisor Bob Novak voted No).

Community Center Parking Lot Expansion & Bidding

- The board evaluated updated quotes from Saavedra Group to expand the community center parking lot by either 30 or 38 spaces.

- Cost options ranged from $116,000 to $140,000, plus fixed architectural and engineering upfront fees of approximately $15,500.
- The proposal includes an 8% price fluctuation lock valid for 60 days.
- **Conclusion**: Motion by Scott Sallinger, second by Dave Benjamin. The board unanimously approved moving forward with the 38-space expansion design to put the project out for competitive bid.

Historical Society Funding Discussion

- The board addressed funding for the Historical Society regarding the interior completion of the Cross House under statutory requirements and museum distribution acts.
- **Conclusion**: The board agreed to table the discussion until November 2026 to allow for further review of statutory requirements and information needed from Dave Kurlinkus.

Budget and Tax Levy Review

- Preliminary budget figures were presented covering multi-year expenses, projected revenues, replacement taxes, CD interest, and Community Center operations:
    - Six-month baseline expenditures estimated at $381,546 ($763,000 annualized).
    - General county inflation adjustment of 2.7% ($20,600).
    - New office staff expenses totaling $33,300.
    - Parking lot maintenance budgeted at $120,000.
    - Community park projects: land acquisition, expansions at Haas Park and Cross Park (pickleball courts), storage sheds, and roadway extensions.
- A proposed levy increase of 4.75% ($32,645 to $33,000 total increase) was reviewed, resulting in an estimated average cost of ~$4.20 per household across roughly 7,600 to 7,700 homes.

Reports:	Supervisors report: • A CD came due on September 26, 2026. • The board reviewed comparative rates across institutions (Stillman Bank, CBI, First Mid, First National, and Mid States). • Stillman Bank offered 4.25% for 6 months and 4.45% for 12 months. • The board agreed to renew the CD with Stillman Bank at a 6-month term to align its maturity with a second CD maturing in January to streamline administrative renewal within the standard 10-day window around board meetings. • Conclusion: The board agreed to renew the CD with Stillman Bank on a term aligning with the January CD maturity. Highway report:None Cemetery report: n October, 7 burials were handled and 3 lots sold. The pinnacle shed has been sealed and painted; Justin still needs to install gutter guards and apply additional caulking. Concrete was confirmed beneath the building floor. Historical Society report: in packet Community Center report: in packet o Committee reports: Hawes Park: The board decided to immediately stop locking Haas Park gates to save $1,200 to $1,300 monthly in contractor costs and enable Winnebago County police night patrols.
Unfinished/Old Business:	None
Public comments	None
Closed session:	Motion made to enter closed session by John Ballano, Greg Raga seconded. Board entered closed session at 7:44pm Discussion of the purchase or lease or real property for the use of the public body, including whether a particular parcel should be acquired and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and (6) Motion made by John Ballano to exit closed session, Scott Sallinger seconded. Board exited at 8:05pm

Motion to adjourn: Greg Ragan
Second: John Ballano
Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm
Next Meeting:
Date: Wednesday, November 11th 2026
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Township Office
Respectfully submitted by *Shelly.Taylor?Clerk*