Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees
October 5, 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 **September** 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, Paul Goldrick and George Obradovich
Absent: Mark Herlitz

Other Officials present:
Commissioner Mike Smith, Clerk Joe Burgess and Assessor Patricia Peters

Approval of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated September 2, 2026:
Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the September 2, 2026, Board meeting minutes as presented. Being none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:
Trustee Goldrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 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:
Resident Lee Jones, who lives on Klemme Road addressed the Board. Mr. Jones said he grows trees on his property as part of a state program and several trees were severely damaged during the two summer storms. He read on social media that the township was helping some township residents with tree cleanup, if it was excessive, and called Commissioner Smith regarding this information. He said he has waited a month for a response. Commissioner Smith explained that he did talk to Mr. Jones and told him that the township has assisted some residents as needed and would help him, however, the storms put him behind on road work projects and told Mr. Jones once they got caught up with the road work, he would reach back out to him. Jones asked if he could do anything in the meantime and Smith asked him to cut the long branches and trunks down to about 12' lengths so the township could use equipment to remove them. Smith assured Jones he would get to the trees, but the good weather has made finishing current road projects a priority.

Reports:
1. *Road Commissioner* - Commissioner Smith reviewed his written report (attached). Stanula said he received a call about a large pothole on west Eagle Lake Road and Smith said the pothole was recently repaired.

2. *Assessor* –Assessor Peter had no report.

3. *Clerk* – The newsletter has been sent to the printer and should be in the mail by Oct 14th. A Senior Paint Night is scheduled for November 11, and 23 seniors attended the movie night on September 16th.

4. *Supervisor's Report* – The reimbursement check for the Community Buildings HVAC project has been received from the county. The reimbursement was the last draw from a larger grant and totaled approximately $56,000.

   Stanula said after inspecting the parking lot at the township center, he does not believe the lot needs to be repaved. He recommended that, if possible, the lot should be sealed and striped this year, and he will get a quote for the project.

5. *Trustees Report* – Trustee Heldt reported she and Supervisor Stanula recently met with Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Durrant and her Chief of Staff Mike Mahoney. She said there was good dialog, and they talked about Washington Township and who we are and what we offer to residents. They also discussed issues the township has faced including solar farms, rodeos / parties and reports of gunshots in the township. Trustee Heldt said although there were no resolutions to our concerns at this time, the Executive and her Chief of Staff were very attentive, and they now have a better understanding about our township and most importantly, a line of communication has been opened between the township and her office. Heldt invited Executive Bertino-Durrant to the township's Holiday Dinner in December, and she plans on attending.

6. *Transportation Report* – The Dial-a-Ride service provided 56 trips in September at a cost of $1,289.95. The township has hired a part-time bus driver to ensure we have backup coverage if our regular driver is unavailable. She will begin training in the coming weeks.

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

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 wants to revisit this item in the spring and asked for the agenda item to be removed until that time.

3. *Washington Township Bike Trail Extension* – There was no action or discussion on this item.

4. *Generator at the Washington Township Community Building* – Trustee Goldrick has been in contact with Generator Technologies and after some negotiating, he was able to get a better price than originally quoted. Goldrick asked that the discussion on this item be delayed until next month, when all the Board members were present.

5. *Website Updates* – Clerk Burgess has reached out to Chris Russell regarding the website upgrades and will be setting up a call to discuss options and pricing. Russell currently maintains the Beecher Community Calendar for the township.

6. *Damaged Fence* – Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any updates on the fence that was damaged last month by a semi-driver attempting to turn around in the township drive. Commissioner Smith has spoken to the township's insurance carrier (TOIRMA) and has sent all the requested information to them. TOIRMA asked if the fence has been repaired yet and Smith explained he wasn't sure if the township is paying the bill and then requesting a reimbursement or if TOIRMA was sending a check for the repairs. Smith said he needs to clarify that information with them. Supervisor Stanula asked Smith to verify if the township has a deductible to pay.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications* – Supervisor Stanula received two special zoning requests last month. One was for a "Bull Riding" event to take place at a local residence. Stanula sent the Zoning Commission a letter asking them to deny that request because many safety concerns and other issues were not addressed within the application.

   The second request was for a variance for a "Side Yard Setback" from a resident who wants to put and addition on their home, but the addition is ½" over the allowed side yard setback requirements. Stanula said he had no issues with the ½" difference and sent the Will County Zoning Commission a letter recommending approval of the requested variance.

2. *Renewal of Electrical Aggregation Agreement* – The current aggregation agreement is scheduled for renewal in December. The township has not yet received any details regarding pricing or terms and Stanula expects to receive that information in the coming weeks.

3. *Review Washington Township Office Job Descriptions* – Supervisor Stanula has spoken to the office staff and has reviewed their current job descriptions and made updates as noted. He reviewed three of the job descriptions and indicated he wanted to consider a name change for the current Township Operations Director. The Board did not receive a copy of that document and Trustee Heldt asked that the Board be sent a copy and continue the discussion at the November meeting.

4. *Consideration and Approval of 2026 Town Levy Ordinance* – Clerk Burgess explained that if the Board was going to increase the levy, the percentage of increase based on all the new construction would be 4.6%. If the Board chose to increase the levy at 4.6%, a homeowner with a $300,000 home would see an increase in their township tax bill of $1.00 over the previous year. Any amount below that percentage would decrease the limiting rate because the township would not be capturing all of the new construction at the current rate. Burgess explained that in the previous eight years when there have been no increases, the limiting rate has fallen from $.18 to $.11 per $100 of assessed evaluation.

   He also pointed out since 2021; the township's Administration expenses have risen 48%. The Assessor's office has had significant budget increases due to updating all the property records in the township, which is a requirement during the quadrennial year.

   Trustee Obradovich explained that when he was the Beecher School District Superintendent, the school district would always raise their levy high enough to make sure all new construction was captured and the limiting rate would not fall.

Assessor Peters said there are approximately 55 new homes in the township this year just within the village limits and another 80 lots have been purchased by one of the current developers. The Board did not make any decision on the levy and wanted time to review the information.

5. *Consideration and Approval of 2026 Road & Bridge Levy Ordinance* – Commissioner Smith reviewed the levy worksheet and has indicated he will ask for a 4.8% increase in the levy over last year.

6. *Consideration to Open the Closed Executive Session Minutes Dated **March 23, 2010*** - See agenda item #11.

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10. *Consideration to Open the Closed Executive Session Minutes Dated **January 4, 2016*** – See agenda item #11.

11. *Consideration to Open the Closed Executive Session Minutes Dated **July 7, 2025*** - The Board determined that all the closed minutes as listed should remain closed and only one motion be made that would include all the minutes under consideration.

MOTION:
Trustee Heldt made a motion that the Closed Session minutes dated March 23, 2010, January 7, 2013, July 1, 2013, February 3, 2014, January 4, 2016, and July 7, 2025, remain closed to the public. Trustee Goldrick seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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 Obradovich made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, debits, and appropriate transfers from the Town Account for the month of **September** totaling **$30,483.76**. 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 **September** 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 **September** totaling **$54,802.38**. 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

- **November 2** - Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm at the Washington Township Center

Announcements:

Adjournment:
Being no additional business to discuss, Trustee Heldt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Obradovich 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: 11/2/2024

Washington Township

Highway Department

30200 Town Center Dr.
Beecher, Illinois 60401
708- 946-6459 Fax 708-946-6459
Michael Smith Highway Commissioner

1. **Tar and chip projects are wrapping up with a total of 7 miles this year. One mile received an A2.**
2. **We will be starting reconstruction of West Eagle Lake Road this week. We will be grinding from route one to the tracks this fall. We will be replacing culverts, doing ditch work, and raising the road. Early next spring we will address the section near the bridge.**
3. **As fields come out, we will continue with fall mowing and tree trimming.**

Michael Smith
Highway Commissioner

2026 ROAD DISTRICT TAX LEVY ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

VALUATION	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ESTIMATED
+ Inflation				$ 6,043,836
+ New Property	$ 1,867,273	$ 1,058,780	$ 2,046,943	$ 3,500,000
+ Annexation	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
- Disconnections	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
= ALL CHANGES	$ 1,867,273	$ 1,058,780	$ 2,046,943	$ 9,543,836
NET EAV	$ 199,805,290	$ 218,579,824	$ 232,210,917	$ 241,754,753
Farm Land total of EAV	$ 41,901,979	$ 45,802,110	$ 49,064,386	

AGGR. Extension Base History	2023	2024	2025	Enter CPI %
	$ 1,005,220	$ 1,041,533	$ 1,085,656	3.30%
Difference from previor year >	#DIV/0!	103.61%	104.24%	

LIMITING RATE: Calculate by multiplying the Aggregate Extension Base by the Extension Limitation, by any Rate Increase Factor. Then DIVIDE that number by the SUM of NET EAV MINUS New Property, MINUS Annexations, PLUS Disconnections.
This quotient is the LIMITING RATE.

(Aggregate Extension) X (EXT. Limitation %)
(Net EAV) - (New Property) - (Annexations) + (Disconnections)

Aggregate Ext Base	$ 1,085,656.00	NET EAV	$ 241,754,753
Ext. Limitation (100+CPI)	103.3%	New Property	$ 3,500,000
		Annexations	$ -
		Disconnections	$ -
	$ 1,121,482.65	= New Limiting	
	$ 238,254,753.00	Rate of >>>	0.4707%

ESTIMATED REVENUE: $ 1,137,939.62

(Calculate by MULTIPLYING the LIMITING RATE BY the net EAV Estimate.)

Fund Name	Max Rate	2025 Actual Rate	2025 Actual Extension	2026 Estimated Rate	2026 Estimated Extension
Road & Bridge	0.6600	0.4345%	$ 1,008,956.43	0.4374%	$ 1,057,388.29
Joint Bridges	0.2500	0.0311%	$ 72,217.59	0.0313%	$ 75,684.18
Other		0.0020%	$ 4,644.00	0.0020%	$ 4,835.10
TOTALS		0.4676%	$ 1,085,818.02	0.4707%	$ 1,137,907.57

Extension Difference 2025 vs 2026			If greater than 5% you should Levy more than this percentage.
	$ 52,089.55	4.80%	

Road & Bridge	92.92%
Joint Bridges	6.65%

LIMITING RATE: 0.4656

2026 TOWN ACCOUNT TAX LEVY ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

VALUATION	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ESTIMATED
+ Inflation				$ 6,043,836
+ New Property	$ 1,867,273	$ 1,058,780	$ 2,046,943	$ 3,500,000
+ Annexation	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
- Disconnections	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
= ALL CHANGES	$ 1,867,273	$ 1,058,780	$ 2,046,943	$ 9,543,836
NET EAV	$ 199,805,290	$ 218,579,824	$ 232,210,917	$ 241,754,753
Farm Land total of EAV	$ 41,901,979	$ 45,802,110	$ 49,064,386	

AGGR. Extension Base History	2024	2025	2026
	$ 366,043	$ 365,902	$ 365,964
Difference from previor year >	#DIV/0!	99.96%	100.02%

Enter CPI %
3.30%

LIMITING RATE: Calculate by multiplying the Aggregate Extension Base by the Extension Limitation, by any Rate Increase Factor. Then DIVIDE that number by the SUM of NET EAV MINUS New Property, MINUS Annexations, PLUS Disconnections.
This quotient is the LIMITING RATE.

(Aggregate Extension) X (EXT. Limitation %)
(Net EAV) - (New Property) - (Annexations) + (Disconnections)

Aggregate Ext Base	$ 365,964.00	NET EAV	$ 241,754,753
Ext. Limitation (100+CPI)	103.3%	New Property	$ 3,500,000
		Annexations	$ -
		Disconnections	$ -
	$ 378,040.81	= New Limiting	
	$ 238,254,753.00	Rate of >>>	0.1587%

ESTIMATED REVENUE: $ 383,664.79

(Calculate by MULTIPLYING the LIMITING RATE BY the net EAV Estimate.)

Fund Name	Max Rate	2025 Actual Rate	2025 Actual Extension	2026 Estimated Rate	2026 Estimated Extension
Corporate	0.2500	0.1105%	$ 256,593.06	0.1113%	$ 269,003.55
General Assistance	0.1000	0.0033%	$ 7,662.96	0.0033%	$ 8,033.59
Tort. / Liability	None	0.0037%	$ 8,591.80	0.0037%	$ 9,007.36
Community Building	0.1000	0.0401%	$ 93,116.57	0.0404%	$ 97,620.29
Other			$ 2,554.00	0.0007%	$ 1,692.28
TOTALS		0.1576%	$ 368,518.39	0.1594%	$ 385,357.08

Extension Difference 2025 vs. 2026			If greater than 5% you should Levy more than this percentage.
	$ 16,838.69	4.60%	

Corporate	70.11%
General Assistance	2.09%
Tort. / Liability	2.35%
Community Building	25.44%

LIMITING RATE: .1636

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 October 5, 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
7114	9/10	Andrews Printing LLC	9830	Assessor Door Hangers - Inv # 79103	$ 257.00
7115	9/10	Melanie Brenenstall	9831	Reimbursement mileage - Assessor Training - Kane County	$ 113.00
7116	9/10	Michael Summers	9832	Milage reimbursement for measuring (8/17 - 8/26) (Assessor)	$ 86.93
7117	9/10	CLR Digital	9833	Calendar App Monthly Fee - Inv # 4158	$ 125.00
7118	9/10	Comcast	9834	Internet - # 10295 - Bill date - 8/24/26	$ 242.30
7119	9/10	Metro Power	9835	Annual PM - Inv # 16037	$ 1,002.00
7120	9/10	Pace Vanpool	9836	Monthly Van rental - Inv # 672884	$ 100.00
7121	9/10	Reaper Pest Control	9837	Pest Control - Inv # 14945	$ 80.00
7122	9/10	Sikich	9838	Final balance YE 3/31/26 - Inv # 216745	$ 1,700.00
7123	9/10	TOI Clerks of IL	9839	2026 - 2027 Annual Dues	$ 35.00
7124	9/10	Beecher Fuel Account	9840	Bus fuel - 8/1/26 to 8/31/26 - Inv # 1130	$ 48.01
7125	9/10	Southwest Exurban Publishing	9841	Publish Annual Treasurer's Report - Inv # E26-438	$ 270.00
7126	9/10	His Hands Healthcare Services	9842	Drug & Alcohol screen - Inv # 1144 (Brenenstall)	$ 234.00
7127	9/10	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	ACH	Professional services - (Aug) Inv # 522	$ 900.00
7128	9/19	Cytracom	ACH	Phone Service - Inv # 499958	$ 293.72
7129	9/22	BMS Lawncare	9843	Lawn services - Inv # 16842	$ 175.00
7130	9/22	ComEd	9844	Electric bill - Acct # 4544334000 - Bill date 9/4/26	$ 454.36
7131	9/22	NICOR	9845	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 9/10/26	$ 67.63
7132	9/22	Crete Township	9846	Quicken Fees	$ 289.00
7133	9/22	CASA of River Valley	9847	Program Sponsorship	$ 3,000.00
7134	9/25	September Payroll - QuickBooks	ACH	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	$ 21,010.81
				TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS	**$ 30,483.76**

Void Ck

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto set our hands on October 5, 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)

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Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	Ck #	Nature of Claim	Amount
9621	9/10	Berkot's Super Foods	10054	Water & Building supplies - Inv # 47092	$ 64.92
9622	9/10	ComEd	10055	Utilities - Acct #2497892222 - Bill date - 9/4/26	$ 272.48
9623	9/10	DeJong Equipment	10056	Parts - Inv # CR75913	$ 6.77
9624	9/10	Interstate Asphalt	10057	Asphalt - Inv # 11724 / 11738	$ 671.00
9625	9/10	Napa Auto Parts	10058	Parts - Inv # 137701	$ 161.71
9626	9/10	R.P. Lumber	10059	Tools - Inv # 5491185	$ 17.98
9627	9/10	Surf Internet	10060	Internet service - Acct # 93011007437 - Bill date 9/1/26	$ 69.95
9628	9/10	Beecher Fuel Account	10061	Equipment Fuel - 8/1/26 to 8/31/26 - Inv # 1129	$ 3,695.13
9629	9/10	Sikich	10062	Final balance YE 3/31/26 - Inv # 216745	$ 1,360.00
9630	9/10	VCNA Prairie Materials	10063	Stone - Inv # 892585064 / 892589511	$ 13,336.13
9631	9/10	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	ACH	Professional services (Aug) - Inv # 523	$ 720.00
9632	9/22	AT&T Mobility	10064	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X089/9/2026	$ 157.93
9633	9/22	Berkot's Super Foods	10065	Water & Building supplies - Inv # 54548	$ 79.90
9634	9/22	Cintas Uniforms	10066	Uniforms - Acct # 14943430 (Aug)	$ 539.10
9635	9/22	IL Tollway	10067	Tolls 7/23/26	$ 50.10
9636	9/22	NICOR	10068	Acct #58285823769 / Bill date 9/10/26	$ 70.79
9637	9/22	Sluiter Auto Electric	10069	Parts - Inv # 8172608	$ 457.00
9638	9/25	Village of Beecher	EFT	RB Health Insurance - **Inv # 2026-08**	$ 7,330.18
9639	9/25	**September** Payroll - QuickBooks	Misc.	Payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	$ 25,741.31
				Total disbursements	**$ 54,802.38**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto set our hands on October 5, 2026.

Road Commissioner

Township Clerk

Supervisor

George Chadwick
Trustee

Tracy Held
Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Washington Township Board Meeting
7:00 PM
October 5, 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

PLEASE PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	Please CHECK here if you have Pubic Commentary
Teresa Peterson	966 Lange Ave	
Lee Jones	30007 S. Klemme Rd	✓
Julie Nefczyk	State Line Rd	
Melanie Brenenstall	202 Miller St.	

Washington Township Board Meeting
October 5, 2026 - 7:00 pm
Meeting Agenda

Call to Order / Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated September 2, 2026

Public Commentary

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2. Assessor
3. Clerk
4. Supervisor's Report
5. Trustee's Report
6. Transportation Report
7. General Assistance Report

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4. Generator at the Washington Township Community Building
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Payment of Bills
Town Acct, Road District, General Assistance (as required)

Upcoming Township Meetings (At the Washington Township Center)
- **November 2** – Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Announcements

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.