



MINUTES
DEKALB TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Board Meeting
2323 SOUTH FOURTH STREET - DEKALB, IL 60115
June 16, 2026

The DeKalb Township of DeKalb, Illinois convened for a regular meeting on June 16, 2026 at the township building in the conference room.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Supervisor Hess called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Clerk Katherine McLaughlin called the roll, and the following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Supervisor Mary Hess; Trustee Dale Thurman, Trustee Greg Akers, Trustee Nancy Bradlo. Other in attendance included Highway Commissioner Craig Smith and Assessor Rich Dyer, and Attorney Brandy Quance (Legal Representation for Township)

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Highway Commissioner Craig Smith.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Supervisor Hess requested an amendment to remove Item D under New Business from the agenda.

MOTION: Trustee Thurman moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Trustee Bradlo.

VOTE: The amended agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. PRESENTATIONS

Hope Haven Homeless Shelter

Suzie Geisler of Hope Haven Homeless Shelter provided an overview of the organization's mission and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in DeKalb County. Geisler highlighted Hope Haven's efforts to provide emergency shelter, supportive services, and resources that promote long-term stability.

The Township awarded **\$20,000** in Human Services Grant funding to Hope Haven in 2025. The funding will assist the organization in continuing to provide shelter and supportive services to residents in need.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

F. TRUSTEE VACANCY

a. Interview Township Trustee Applicants

The Board interviewed applicants interested in filling the Township Trustee vacancy. Applicants present at the meeting include Richard Echevarria, Brick Schiola-Williams, Dave Andrews and Matthew Outzen.

Monique Shaw was not present at the meeting.

b. Executive Session

MOTION: A motion to enter into executive session to Discuss the Appointment to the Trustee Vacancy – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) was made by Trustee Akers and seconded by Trustee Bradlo.

Regular Session reconvened at 7:09p.m.

Roll call was taken and the following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Supervisor Hess, Trustees Akers, Bradlo and Thurman.

The board agreed to postpone the vote to appoint a trustee until the July meeting.

G. REPORTS

a. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Hess reported that the annual Senior Summit will be held on **August 6, 2026**.

The Township recently partnered with RAMP and others to host a Fair Housing Training event that raised awareness on disability discrimination on May 20, which was attended by approximately one dozen participants.

Planning continues for the Peace Park Grand Opening, anticipated for early October.

Supervisor Hess also met with Sandwich Township officials to discuss General Assistance operations and met with representatives from the Ellwood House regarding participation in the Arboretum program.

b. Clerk's Report

No report.

c. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Smith reported the final payment had been made on the new Road District building project.

The department is currently fully staffed.

Bids for upcoming paving projects will be opened on **June 26, 2026**.

d. Assessor's Report

Assessor Dyer reported workbooks would be submitted on **June 18, 2026**.

Assessor Dyer and Deputy Assessor Andrew Reinink recently attended continuing education training.

e. Trustee Reports

Trustee Thurman: No report

Trustee Bradlo: No report

Trustee Akers: No report

H. BILL PAYING

Approval of May Audit Report and June Bills to Pay

MOTION: Trustee Thurman moved to approve the May Audit Report and June Bills to Pay for town and general assistance in the amount of \$96,884.27 and for the Road District \$29,821.85 and the May Audit Report for \$107,327.49 for Town and General Assistance and \$88,592.70 for the Road District seconded by Trustee Bradlo.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of those present with all AYES by: Trustees Akers Thurman, Bradlo; and Supervisor Hess. Clerk McLaughlin declared the expenditures authorized.

Receive, File and Approve Treasurer's May Budget Reports

MOTION: A motion to Receive, File and Approve the Treasurer's May Budget Reports was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Trustee Akers.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote with all AYES by: Supervisor Hess, Trustees; Thurman; Bradlo; and Akers. Clerk McLaughlin declared the expenditures authorized.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Resolution 2026-003(T) – Intergovernmental Agreement

MOTION: Motion by Trustee Akers for Intergovernmental agreement between the DeKalb Township and DeKalb Road District regarding access and purchase of fuel.

SECOND: Trustee Bradlo

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Hess explained that this is the second time the agreement will be put in place. This will save the Township money by purchasing fuel from the Road District vs paying at regular gas pumps.

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote with all AYES by: Supervisor Hess, Trustees Thurman, Bradlo, and Akers. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Resolution 2026-004(T) – Appointing Deputy Township Clerk

MOTION: Motion to appoint DeKalb Township Administrative Assistant, Tiffany Martin, as Deputy Clerk Trustee Thurman moved for approval; seconded by Trustee Akers.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Hess explained the purpose of appointing a Deputy Township Clerk, Tiffany Martin who is Township staff, to ensure Township business can continue when the Township Clerk is unavailable.

VOTE: Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote with all AYES by: Supervisor Hess, Trustees Thurman, Bradlo, and Akers. Motion carried.

c. Approval Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute a One-Year Agreement with Keith & Associates Accounting, Inc.

MOTION: Trustee Thurman moved for approval; seconded by Trustee Bradlo.

DISCUSSION: The agreement provides professional accounting services to the Township for one year.

VOTE: Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote with all AYES by: Supervisor Hess, Trustees Thurman, Bradlo, and Akers. Motion carried.

e. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on May 19, 2026

MOTION: Trustee Akers moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Thurman.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

K. OLD BUSINESS

None.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: A motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Purchase or Lease of Real Property – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) was made by Trustee Bradlo and seconded by Trustee Thurman.

Regular Session reconvened at 8:25p.m.

Roll call was taken and the following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Supervisor Hess, Trustees Akers, Bradlo and Thurman.

M. OTHER BUSINESS

The next regular meeting of the DeKalb Township Board will be held on **Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

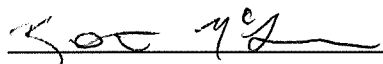
N. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Trustee Bradlo moved to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Akers.

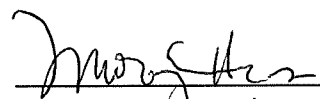
VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Supervisor Hess declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine McLaughlin, Township Clerk



Mary Hess, Township Supervisor