



MINUTES
DEKALB TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Board Meeting
2323 SOUTH FOURTH STREET - DEKALB, IL 60115
July 21, 2026

The DeKalb Township of DeKalb, Illinois convened for a regular meeting on July 21, 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; Trustees Nancy Bradlo, Greg Akers, and Dale Thurman. Assessor Rich Dyer was also present. Highway Commissioner Craig Smith arrived at 6:35 p.m. Other in attendance included DeKalb Township Road District employee Jeff Harness.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by guest Jeff Harness.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board amended the agenda regarding Item J.a: approval of resolution No. 2026-06(T) Amending the DeKalb Township and Road district Personal Policy and Procedures to add a Building Access and Key Policy

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

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

Trustee Akers then moved to amend Agenda Item J.a.; seconded by Trustee Bradlo. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Akers moved to enter into executive session at 6:03 p.m. for discussion of the purchase or lease of real property and the appointment to the Trustee vacancy; seconded by Trustee Bradlo.

Regular Session reconvened at 6:31 p.m.

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

E. PRESENTATIONS

RAMP Disability Resources and Services

Jessica Wexell and Katie Lee of RAMP Disability Resources and Services presented an overview of the organization's services and its work supported through funding from DeKalb Township.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

G. REPORTS

a. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Hess reported that the Township has had a booth at the Farmers Market and hosted the Mobile DMV. She met with State Representative Murri Briel and was asked to serve on the City of DeKalb Homelessness Task Force.

Supervisor Hess, Kim Barrios, Trustee Akers, and Highway Commissioner Smith attended a Townships and AI educational summit in Springfield.

Upcoming events include the Senior Summit on August 6 and the Township Town Hall on August 20.

A new General Assistance policy was included in the Board packet, and a new substance use policy is now in effect.

b. Clerk's Report

No report.

c. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Smith reported on the Nelson Road reconstruction project. The annual paving bid is out. The estimated paving cost was approximately \$522,000, while the bid estimate came in at approximately \$488,000.

Commissioner Smith also reported that the Road District has historically split the electric bill with the Township on a 50/50 basis, although the Road District is using approximately 20 percent.

d. Assessor's Report

Assessor Dyer reported that the Assessor's workbooks were turned in the previous week.

e. Trustee Reports

Trustee Bradlo: Reported that the Committee of the Youth participated in Fun Jam in the Park at Welsh Park.

Trustee Akers: Reported on attending the Townships and AI educational summit. He expressed hope that the Township will establish an AI policy and explore appropriate uses of AI to generate marketing plans and assist with public programming.

Trustee Thurman: No report.

H. BILL PAYING

a. Approval of July Bills to Pay and June Audit Reports

MOTION: Trustee Akers moved to approve the July Bills to Pay for the Township in the amount of \$99,250.74 and Road District amounts of \$181,698.50 and \$36,614.51; seconded by Trustee Bradlo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

b. Receive, File, and Approve Treasurer's June Budget Reports

MOTION: Trustee Thurman moved to receive, file, and approve the Treasurer's June Budget Reports; seconded by Trustee Bradlo.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

b. Discussion and Approval of a 38-Month Lease Agreement with the Larry M. Berke Declaration of Trust and the Mary K. Berke Declaration of Trust for the Property Located at 122 N. 1st Street, DeKalb, Illinois, and Authorization for the Township Supervisor to Execute the Agreement

MOTION: Trustee Bradlo moved to approve the 38-month lease agreement; seconded by Trustee Akers.

DISCUSSION: After reviewing a variety of properties and considering three different locations, the Township agreed to lease the property for the period of September 2026 through December 2029. The space will include four offices. Move-in is anticipated for the third week of August, and Rich is obtaining quotes from moving companies.

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present. Motion carried.

c. Discussion and Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between DeKalb Township and Sixteen (16) DeKalb County Townships for the Administration of Public Assistance Programs and Reimbursement of Administrative Costs

MOTION: Trustee Thurman moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Supervisor Hess.

DISCUSSION: None recorded.

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

K. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Applicants and Motion to Approve Warrant of Appointment of Township Trustee to Fill Vacancy in Term of Office Expiring May 2029

MOTION: Trustee Bradlo moved to appoint Brick Schiola-Williams to fill the Township Trustee vacancy for the term expiring May 2029; seconded by Trustee Akers.

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote of Supervisor Hess and Trustees Bradlo, Akers, and Thurman. Motion carried.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

M. NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next regular meeting of the DeKalb Township Board will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of June 16, 2026

MOTION: Trustee Akers moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting; seconded by Trustee Bradlo.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

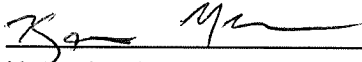
N. ADJOURNMENT

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

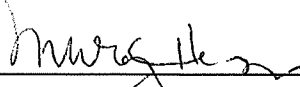
VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Supervisor Hess declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine McLaughlin, Township Clerk



Mary Hess, Township Supervisor