DeKalb TOWNSHIP

MINUTES
DEKALB TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Board Meeting
2323 SOUTH FOURTH STREET - DEKALB, IL 60115
August 18, 2026

The DeKalb Township of DeKalb, Illinois convened for a regular meeting on August 18, 2026 at the township building in the conference room.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mary Hess at 6:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Mary Hess; Clerk McLaughlin; Highway Commissioner Smith; Assessor Dyer; Trustee Bradlo; Trustee Akers; Trustee Schiola-Williams; and Trustee Thurman.

Others Present: Auditor Andrea Meyer, CPA, Newkirk Associates, Inc.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Schiola-Williams.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Bradlo moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Akers seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote with all ayes and no nays.

D. PRESENTATIONS

Andrea Meyer, CPA, of Newkirk Associates, Inc. presented a review of the Township audit and the letter regarding segregation of financial duties.

F. Town Hall (Public Comments)

There were no public comments.

G. Reports

a. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Hess reported that sales have already begun for Peace Park and that the grand opening is scheduled for October 16 in the late afternoon. The Senior Summit was held August 6, with the Thrive event series to follow. Supervisor Hess attended the DeKalb Metra Expansion and Planning meeting on August 11 and has been asked to join the planning group; this was the first of 12 meetings. She also attended Together from the Start,

highlighting collaborative efforts in the community. Upcoming Township activities include a vision and hearing screening clinic, shred event, and I-PASS event. George Gurler, the last DeKalb County Civil War veteran, will receive a marker on his grave.

b. Clerk's Report

Clerk McLaughlin thanked the Road District for attending the Founders Elementary Back to School Bash and informed the Board about upcoming Township events through TOI (Townships of Illinois)

c. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Smith reported that an emergency purchase of road salt had to be declared under ILCS 5/6-201.78 of the Illinois Highway Code because no bids were received. Salt was secured for $140 per ton, not including delivery, compared with $78.02 per delivered ton last year. DeKalb was one of 261 governmental entities that did not receive a bid. Prep work on Nelson Road and South Malta Road was completed, with paving scheduled to begin September 1. Annual road striping is also scheduled to begin September 1. The Road District participated in Touch-a-Truck events at Resource Bank and Founders Elementary School. Highway Commissioner Smith attended the THCOI Summer Seminar July 27-29 and reported that it was beneficial. The Road District has also contracted with a new accounting firm to review and set up an improved version of QuickBooks.

d. Assessor's Report

Assessor Dyer attended an evaluations class July 29-31. The assessor's office is scheduled to move on August 24.

e. Trustees' Reports

Trustee Bradlo: No report. Trustee Akers: No report. Trustee Schiola-Williams noted that this was his first meeting and that he was excited to be here. Trustee Thurman: No report.

H. Bill Paying

a. Approval of August Bills to Pay and July Audit Report

Trustee Thurman moved to approve the August bills to pay for the Township in the amount of $40,049.05 and the Road District in the amount of $88,282.43, along with the July Audit Report for the Township in the amount of $210,396.74 and the Road District in the amount of $59,801.35. Trustee Bradlo seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Hess - aye; Bradlo - aye; Schiola-Williams - aye; Akers - aye; Thurman - aye. Motion carried.

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

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

DISCUSSION: None.

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

I. Unfinished Business

None.

J. New Business

a. Approval of July 21, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Trustee Akers moved to approve the July 21, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting minutes. Trustee Thurman seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote with all ayes.

K. Other Business

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment

Trustee Thurman moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bradlo seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine McLaughlin, Township Clerk

Mary Hess, Township Supervisor

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