DeKalb TOWNSHIP

**MINUTES**
**DEKALB TOWNSHIP BOARD**
**Regular Board Meeting**
**2323 SOUTH FOURTH STREET - DEKALB, IL 60115**
**September 15, 2026**

The DeKalb Township of DeKalb, Illinois convened for a regular meeting on September 15, 2026 at the township building in the conference room.

## A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: Supervisor Hess; Clerk Katherine McLaughlin; Highway Commissioner Craig Smith; Trustees Bradlo, Akers, Schiola-Williams, and Thurman. Absent: Assessor Dyer.

## B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Highway Commissioner Smith.

## C. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to designate Item L as Executive Session and Item M as Adjournment. Trustee Thurman moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Motion carried by voice vote. (Individual vote totals were not recorded.)

## D. Presentations

There were no presentations.

## E. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## F. Reports

Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Hess reported that the countywide township town hall was held August 20, 2026, with 12 of 19 township supervisors present. Attendees discussed shared challenges and exchanged ideas. On August 21, she attended legal updates presented by the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation. The Township hosted a full AARP safe driving course August 27–28, a Lions vision and hearing screening September 2, and the final Thrive series session September 10.

Clerk's Report. Clerk McLaughlin reported attending the Township Officials of Illinois golf outing on August 28.

Highway Commissioner's Report. Commissioner Smith reported that road striping on Nelson Road and South Malta Road would be delayed. He also attended the Township Officials of Illinois golf outing and recognized Jeff Harness on his 12th work anniversary.

Assessor's Report. Assessor Dyer was absent; no report was given.

Trustees' Reports. Trustee Bradlo reported that the Committee on Youth met the previous month and is awaiting information on a grant before proceeding. Trustee Akers had no report. Trustee Schiola-Williams expressed anticipation for the October 3, 2026, shredding event. Trustee Thurman had no report.

**G. Bill Paying and Financial Reports**

a. Approval of July Bills and June Audit Reports. Trustee Akers moved to approve July bills payable of $44,216.76 for the Township and $39,890.21 for the Road District, and June audit reports of $136,757.55 for the Township and $124,498.08 for the Road District. Trustee Thurman seconded.

Roll call: Hess, Bradlo, Schiola-Williams, Akers, and Thurman voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Treasurer's June Budget Reports. Trustee Thurman moved to receive, file, and approve the Treasurer's June budget reports. Trustee Akers seconded.

Roll call: Hess, Bradlo, Schiola-Williams, Akers, and Thurman voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion noted that Township expenditures were over 100% in a budget category, but the variance was expected to even out due to budget timing.

**H. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**I. New Business**

a. Resolution 2026-005(T). Trustee Thurman moved to approve Resolution 2026-005(T), accepting the audit report and approving the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2026. Trustee Bradlo seconded. Roll call: Hess, Bradlo, Schiola-Williams, Akers, and Thurman voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Approval of July 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Trustee Thurman moved to approve the July 21, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting minutes. Trustee Schiola-Williams seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**J. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**K. Other Business**

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**L. Executive Session**

Trustee Akers moved to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The Board entered executive session at 6:16 p.m. to review previous executive sessions and release minutes for those. Returned to open session at 6:24 p.m.

Upon return, roll call reflected Supervisor Hess, Trustees Bradlo, Akers, Schiola-Williams, and Thurman, and Clerk McLaughlin present.

**M. Adjournment**

Trustee Akers moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine McLaughlin, Township Clerk

Mary Hess, Township Supervisor

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