

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF MCHENRY S.S.
TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY**

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES,
August 14, 2025**

Supervisor Gary Barla called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 7:01 pm, which began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Clerk Rehberg

Supervisor Barla Present

Trustees

Bindenagel Present

Jaeger Absent

Shaver Present

Mendlik Present

Also attending the meeting was Clerk Jodi Rehberg, Highway Commissioner Jim Condon, Township Assessor Mary Mahady and Administrator Debbie Macrito.

Public comment: None.

Motion to approve the McHenry Township Board Meeting Minutes on 07/10/2025 made by Trustee Shaver and second by Trustee Mendlik.

Discussion – None

All ayes – Motion carries.

Motion for approval of receipts and payment of bills for the Town Fund was made by Trustee Shaver and second by Trustee Mendlik.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$674.86
Total bills to be approved	\$31,175.55
Total bills paid prior to audit	\$38,584.58
Total to be approved	\$70,484.99
Total Receipts	\$20,748.95

Discussion - None

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Barla, aye, Trustees Shaver aye, Mendlik aye, Bindenagel aye

All ayes - Motion carries.

Motion for approval of receipts and payment of bills for General Road and Bridge Fund was made by Trustee Bindenagel and second by Trustee Mendlik.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total bills to be approved	\$32,046.19
Total bills paid prior to audit	\$12,288.69
Total to be approved	\$44,334.88
Total Receipts	\$18,385.86

Discussion - None

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Barla aye, Trustees Shaver aye, Mendlik aye, Bindenagel aye.

All ayes – Motion carries.

Motion for approval of receipts and payment of the bills for Permanent Hard Road Fund was made by Trustee Mendlik and second by Trustee Bindenagel.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total bills to be approved	\$391,664.72
Total bills paid prior to audit	\$21,479.27
Total to be approved	\$413,143.54
Total Receipts	\$11,404.93

Discussion - None

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Barla aye, Trustees: Shaver aye, Mendlik aye, Bindenagel aye.

All ayes – Motion carries.

Fund transfers - None

New Business –

8.1 - Motion to discuss and take possible action on additional pet waste baskets made by Supervisor Barla and second by Trustee Shaver.

Discussion: Currently four baskets are located at Adams Park and no baskets at Lake Street or Fox Lake Road. Supervisor Barla deems this adequate currently. No action taken at this time.

8.2 – Motion to discuss and take possible action on playground status made by Supervisor Barla and second by Trustee Shaver. No action taken at this time.

Discussion: Working with the supplier to get an updated quote to finish out the park. Supervisor Barla advised the completion of the park will be in the budget for next year. No action taken at this time.

8.3 – Motion to discuss and take possible action on addition of monarch butterfly/natural vegetation garden made by Supervisor Barla and second by Trustee Mendlik.

Discussion: Supervisor Barla discussed meeting with McHenry County Defenders to form a partnership with this group to create a garden on Township property. Highway Commissioner Condon advised he would add his insight on this project and Supervisor Barla welcomed the assistance. No action taken at this time.

8.4 – Motion to discuss and take possible action on addition of splash pad made by Supervisor Barla and second by Trustee Shaver.

Discussion: Supervisor Barla provided a list of local splash pads, which totaled approximately 11 splash pads currently in use. Biggest issue is having a municipal water source and not a well, which is what the Township currently has. No action taken at this time.

8.5 – Motion to discuss pickleball court status and possible action made by Supervisor Barla and second by Trustee Shaver.

Discussion: Supervisor Barla advised there are 31 pickleball courts in McHenry County. Cost and maintenance are an issue for the Township. No action taken at this time.

Old Business - None

Proposed Agenda Items:

- **Laker's Snowmobile Club will present at the next meeting regarding their plans for winter riding.**

Supervisor's Report – See packet.

Additional items of note:

- **Audit and comptroller reports have been completed; Trustees provided copies at the meeting.**
- **Supervisor Barla attended the MCCG membership meeting and legislative summit on 07/23/2025. Legislative Priorities for 2025 were passed out to the Board.**
- **Operation Dropbox: The Township was a drop-off location for Veteran's Path of Hope and thank you card received from the County for our participation.**
- **09/25/2025 11:00 AM: Township will be sponsoring an Oktoberfest with Senior Services.**

Assessor's Report – See packet. Assessor Mahady reviewed her packet.

Additional items of Note:

- **New assessor website is up and running. Positive feedback has been received and new website came in under budget.**
- **2025 assessment notices should be received approximately the second week of September. Assessor Mahady will then plan an informational appeals workshop.**
- **Assessor office has hired three positions, including a Deputy Assessor. The Assessor office is at full staff.**

Highway Commissioner's Report - See packet. Highway Commissioner Condon highlighted that the third mowing of the year will take place prior to Labor Day. New trailer has also been received.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

- **Trustee Shaver will take the lead on a project to redesign the Township flag by incorporating students from the local school system – ages sixth grade through high school.**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Bindenagel and second by Trustee Shaver at 7:38 PM.

All ayes - Motion carries.



Jodi Rehberg, McHenry Township Clerk

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