

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF MCHENRY
TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY**

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**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES,
October 9, 2025**

Supervisor Gary Barla called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 7:00 pm, which began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Clerk Rehberg

Supervisor Barla Present

Trustees

Bindenagel Present

Jaeger Present

Shaver Present

Mendlik Present

Also attending the meeting were McHenry Township Attorney James Millitello, Clerk Jodi Rehberg and Administrator Debbie Macrito.

Public comment: None.

Motion to approve the McHenry Township Board Meeting Minutes on 09/11/2025 made by Trustee Shaver and second by Trustee Bindenagel.

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 Jaeger.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$2,942.80/\$3365.00
Total bills to be approved	\$10,399.16
Total bills paid prior to audit	\$45,081.98
Total to be approved	\$58,423.94/\$58,846.14
Total Receipts	\$13,488.24

Discussion : Amend the total to include DOT Training \$422.20. Total reimbursements to be approved: \$3,365.00 and total to be approved \$58,846.14.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Barla, aye, Trustees Jaeger aye, Mendlik aye, Bindenagel aye, Shaver aye. All ayes - Motion carries.

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

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$420.00
Total bills to be approved	\$30,133.08
Total bills paid prior to audit	\$75,672.58
Total to be approved	\$106,226.06
Total Receipts	\$9,506.79

Discussion - None

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Barla aye, Trustees Jaeger aye, Mendlik aye, Bindenagel aye, Shaver 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	\$28,347.21
Total bills paid prior to audit	\$27,434.57
Total to be approved	\$55,781.78
Total Receipts	\$3,381.67

Discussion - None

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Barla aye, Trustees: Jaeger aye, Mendlik aye, Bindenagel aye, Shaver aye. All ayes – Motion carries.

Fund transfers - None

New Business –

8.1 Proposed Resolution regarding the Water Locust LLC 5MW Community Solar Facility:

Motion to discuss and take possible action made by Supervisor Barla and second Trustee Shaver.

Discussion: Discussion: Supervisor Barla led the discussion regarding a resolution opposing the project. His discussion was in regard to the poor process and (CUP) conditional use permit end around rather than changing the Zoning map. The Township also has no role in the process for or against the proposed solar farm. Trustees Jaeger, Shaver, Bindenagel and Mendlik are in agreement with the Supervisor.

Motion to approve the resolution as printed was made by Supervisor Barla and second by Trustee Bindenagel.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Barla aye, Trustees: Jaeger aye, Mendlik aye, Bindenagel aye, Shaver aye. All ayes – Motion carries.

8.2 Proposal of estimated levy for Town, General Assistance, General Road and Bridge Fund and Permanent Hard Road Fund.

Motion to discuss and take possible action made by Supervisor Barla and second by Trustee Shaver.

Discussion: Township Attorney James Milletello led the discussion:

Township Fund: Based on calculations the anticipated increase may reach 4.05% due to CPI and new growth. Recommendation from Militello is 4.9% levy increase; discussion held to go to 4.99%. Trustee Shaver commented that this increase does not mean the Township is expecting taxes to go up, this increase can be pulled from new growth.

Motion to approve Township Levy to no greater than 4.99% made by Supervisor Barla and second by Trustee Bindenagel.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Barla aye, Trustees: Jaeger aye, Mendlik aye, Bindenagel aye, Shaver aye. All ayes – Motion carries.

Road District Fund: Township Attorney James Milletello led the discussion.

Motion to approve the Road District Levy to no greater than 4.99% made by Supervisor Barla and second Trustee Bindenagel.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Barla aye, Trustees: Jaeger aye, Mendlik aye, Bindenagel aye, Shaver aye. All ayes – Motion carries.

Old Business –

9.1 Township flag follow-up with Trustee Shaver.

Motion to discuss and take possible action regarding Township flag made by Supervisor Barla and second by Trustee Shaver.

Discussion: Per Trustee Shaver, due to time constraints, the current Township flag will be used at the TOI conference. New flag design contest will be considered prior to next year's conference.

Proposed Agenda Items: None.

Supervisor's Report – See packet.

Additional items of note:

- **Community Service work included painting of the Sled Hill building has been painted.**
- **Catholic Archdiocese is no longer providing Meals on Wheels for the county and new meal provider is Lifescape. The Township is working with Lifescape on the transition.**

- Six part time bus drivers are currently working for the Township Bus Service. Supervisor Barla and past Supervisor Craig Adams have passed the DOT physical to be part time/substitute bus drivers for the Township, however, bus drivers are still needed. Trustee Shaver offered to assist on social media posting regarding the need for bus drivers.

Assessor's Report – No new updates.

Highway Commissioner's Report - See packet.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

- Supervisor Barla commended Trustee Jaeger on his involvement with Harmonica for Life. Trustee Jaeger was honored by the music industry for this program.
- TOI conference scheduled for 11/10 – 11/12.
- Trustee Shaver discussed County Board's potential to place 10 million dollars back on the tax rolls (taxes omitted by the sale tax increase) and County Board Member Carl Kaminski's objection. Supervisor Barla will continue to monitor.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Shaver and second by Trustee Bindenagel at 7:47 PM.

All ayes - Motion carries.

Jodi Rehberg, McHenry Township Clerk

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