

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
*South Rock Island Township Board*

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
County of Rock Island  
South Rock Island Township

The South Rock Island Township Board met for a Special Meeting at the Township Clerk's Office, 4330 11th Street, Rock Island, IL, on March 11, 2025, at 2 o'clock pm, after having attempted to meet for the regular meeting on February 24, 2025, but without a quorum.

Roll Call:

Officials present: Supervisor Grace Diaz Shirk as Chair, Trustee Frank Skafidas, Trustee Bill Sowards, and Trustee KJ Whitley. Official absent: Trustee Mark Parr, Jr. Township Clerk Nick Camlin reported the presence of a quorum. Assessor Nichole Parker was also present.

Remote Electronic Attendance:

None.

Approval of the Agenda and Meeting Minutes:

Skafidas moved, and Whitley seconded, to approve the Agenda (*Record*). Voice vote. Motion carried.

Sowards moved, and Skafidas seconded, to approve the January 27, 2025, Township Board meeting minutes. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Reports:

Grace Diaz Shirk presented the Supervisor's Report (*Record*). The Supervisor informed the Township Board about efforts by the General Assembly and Governor to consolidate Township government with counties (*Record*). Resolutions in opposition to these efforts will be presented at the regular March Township Board meeting, and to the Electors at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Supervisor reviewed the Public Participation Policy from 2016 with the Township Board (*Record*).

There was consensus among the Township Board to purchase a banner for the girls softball team, and approve at the regular March Township Board meeting.

Nick Camlin provided the Township Clerk's Report (*Record*). The Township Clerk reported on voting opportunities for the April 1, 2025, Consolidate General Election.

Nichole Parker provided the Assessor's Report (*Record*). Tax Payer Seminars are scheduled for May 14, 2025, July 30, 2025, and September 17, 2025, each at 2 pm.

The Supervisor reviewed the January 2025 General/Emergency Assistance Report (*Record*).

The January 2025 Client/Public/Senior Citizen Report was printed on the Agenda.

Treasurer's Report and Town Fund & Relief Fund Bills:

The Supervisor provided the Treasurer's Report for January 2025 (*Record*).

The Township Board audited the bills and claims (*Record*). Skafidas moved, and Whitley seconded, to authorize the payment of the Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and transfers in the amount of \$41,301.99. Roll call vote. Four votes in favor: Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Sowards moved, and Skafidas seconded, to lay the FY 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2025-1 on display for final approval at the regular March Township Board meeting (*Record*). Skafidas asked about the budget for salaries, and Supervisor Shirk replied that salaries would receive a raise of up to 5% or \$1.50/hr or \$2/hr raise for employees. Skafidas pointed out that the cost of benefits ranges from \$117/week to \$180/week

for employees. Roll call vote. Four votes in favor: Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

Sowards moved, and Whitley seconded, to approve the Community Shred Day on April 23, 2025, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, in partnership with Arc of the Quad Cities, in the amount of \$450. Roll call vote. Four votes in favor: Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

Whitley moved, and Skafidas seconded, to approve the agenda for the April 8, 2025, Annual Town Meeting (*Record*). Voice vote. Motion carried.

Skafidas moved, and Supervisor Shirk seconded, to ratify the Intergovernmental Agreement for General & Emergency Assistance with Preemption and Andalusia Townships (*Record*). Voice vote. Motion carried.

Sowards moved, and Whitley seconded, to make a donation to Rock Island Parks Department in the amount of \$750 for the annual Egg Hunt at Lincoln Park. Sowards asked to check how much funding the Township provides to the Parks Department. Roll call vote. Four votes in favor: Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

Sowards moved, and Whitley seconded, to make a donation to Rock Island-Milan Boys Baseball in the amount of \$1,500 for season sponsorship. Roll call vote. Four votes in favor: Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shirk moved, and Sowards seconded, to donate \$100 to the Community Caring Conference. Roll call vote. Four votes in favor: Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Supervisor Shirk spoke about the Township Award winners, Dennis Harker and Heart of Hope, which will be recognized at the Annual Town Meeting. Skafidas also suggested recognizing Mississippi Truck & Trailer.

Supervisor Shirk stated that the Township Newsletter would be mailed by March 25, 2025.

Skafidas spoke about school district issues, including the high school principal hiring search, updates to school buildings, and open enrollment policies.

Skafidas asked about posting Township meeting agendas on the internet and Supervisor Shirk said she would start posting them online.

Adjournment:

At 3:03 pm Whitley moved, and Sowards seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

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BY THE SOUTH ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD ON MARCH 31, 2025.**

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Nick Camlin, Township Clerk

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