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“Special” November 6, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes - Approved

Call to Order/Roll Call – The November 6, 2025, South Rock Island Township “Special” Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Supervisor Grace Diaz Shirk.

Elected Board Officials Present:

- Supervisor Grace Diaz Shirk (Chair), Clerk KJ Whitley, Trustees – Bill Sowards, Diana Hebbeln, Jonah Sallows-Hines, Chris Elsberg

Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary) - None

Approval of the Agenda - Sowards moved, and Elsberg seconded, to approve the **November 6, 2025**, South Rock Island Township Board “Special” meeting agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Approval of the Emergency Assistance SNAP & Furlough Program Resolution (Record) - Previously, the Board provided direction to Supervisor Shirk regarding the Emergency Assistance SNAP & Furlough Program. The Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) requested that the Township Boards approve the program by official Resolution during a regular or special Board meeting. The Board had previously authorized \$20,000 for this program. The Township fund allows the Board discretion to develop program guidelines and administer funds as needed.

The proposed Resolution becomes effective upon Board adoption. Elsberg suggested adding a reimbursement statement to allow any unused funds to be returned to the Township by the applicant, which was included for consideration.

After discussion, the Board agreed to use \$20,000 of Township funds to establish the program for furloughed government employees or SNAP beneficiaries experiencing a delay in receipt of their benefits. Program guidelines are as follows:

- A single individual is eligible for a \$100 Hy-Vee voucher.
- A married couple is eligible for a \$150 voucher.
- A family of three or more is eligible for a \$250 voucher.
- Vouchers will be issued upon adoption of the Resolution and will terminate once all funds are exhausted, the government shutdown ends, or the Township Board modifies or discontinues the program.
- Vouchers, in denominations of \$50 or \$100, will be personalized with the recipient’s name for tracking purposes and may not be used to purchase liquor, tobacco, or lottery tickets.
- Qualified households must provide proof of SNAP assistance or evidence of being furloughed, along with a government-issued ID.

Elsberg moved, and **Hebbeln** seconded, to adopt Township Resolution 04-2025, establishing the Emergency Food Benefit Program (EFBP) to provide temporary food assistance to income-eligible residents or furloughed government employees. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes – Shirk, Elsberg, Hebbeln, Sowards, Sallows-Hines; 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Public Comments

No public comments were noted.

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Adjournment

Sowards moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM, and the motion was seconded by **Elsberg**. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next South Rock Island Township Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2025, at 4:00 PM.

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