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December 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Call to Order/Roll Call - The December 22, 2025, South Rock Island Township Board meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by Acting Supervisor Bill Sowards.

Elected Board Officials Present:

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

Other Elected Officials Present:

- Assessor Nichole Parker

Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary) – A motion was made by **Elsberg** and seconded by **Hebbeln** to allow the remote attendance of Supervisor Shirk due to a family illness emergency, as permitted under the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote. 4-Ayes Elsberg, Hebbeln, Sowards and Sallows-Hines. 0-Nays. Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda - Elsberg moved, and **Hebbeln** seconded, to approve the **December 22, 2025** South Rock Island Township agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Hebbeln moved, and **Elsberg** seconded, to approve the **October 1, 2025** South Rock Island Township Special Board meeting minutes. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Sallows-Hines moved, and **Hebbeln** seconded, to approve the **November 6, 2025**, South Rock Island Township Special Board meeting minutes. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Elsberg moved, and **Hebbeln** seconded, to approve the **November 24, 2025**, South Rock Island Township Board meeting minutes. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Reports

Supervisor’s Report – Presented by Shirk_(Record)

Updates on upcoming community events and Township initiatives included:

- **TOI Assistance Increase** – The Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) general assistance minimum payment amount has increased to **\$456**. Qualified residents will begin receiving the increased payment effective **December 1, 2025**.
- **Sarah and Jason Roessler / Dultmeir Sales Donation** - Sarah Roessler’s employer, **Dultmeir Sales (Davenport)**, collected approximately **\$1,400** worth of toys and food for the holiday season. All donated items were contributed to **South Rock Island Township**.
- **Appeals Hearing** – A South Rock Island Township client filed an appeal related to a sanction of up to **90 days**. The appeal will be heard on **December 30, 2025**, by the **Rock Island County Board Chairman**, along with the other five Illinois Quad Cities Township Supervisors.

Clerk’s Report – Presented by Whitley (Record) - Clerk **Whitley** reported that no new **FOIA requests** were received. The **October 2025 meeting minutes** were posted to the Township website. Clerk Whitley also discussed marketing for a **moderator** for the upcoming **Annual Township Meeting** and requested that **roll call votes** be taken for all action items when a Board member is attending remotely, **to promote transparency and clearly document Board member participation in official actions**.

Assessor's Report – Presented by Parker (Record) - Assessor **Parker** reported that her office has received **603 Senior Freeze exemption applications**. She also advised that the **Annual Assessors' Meeting** will be held on **January 7, 2026**, at the **Rock Island County Building**.

General/Emergency Assistance Report (Record) - The **November 2025 Client/Public/Senior Citizen Report** was provided with the agenda. It was noted that **Bowling Township**, a recent **General Assistance** client, was inadvertently not listed on the November 2025 report. Staff will add it to the December 2025 report.

Treasurer's Report and Authorization and Transfers of Town Fund and Relief Fund Bills - The Treasurer's Report for November 2025 was presented and placed on record. The Township Board audited the November 2025 bills and claims, which were also placed on record. **Sallows-Hines** moved, and **Elsberg** seconded, to authorize payment of the Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and transfers in the amount of **\$86,028.59**. Roll call vote. 5-Ayes Elsberg, Shirk, Hebbeln, Sowards and Sallows-Hines. 0-Nays. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

2026 Monthly Audit Meeting Schedules – After a brief discussion, **Hebbeln** moved and **Elsberg** seconded to amend and adopt the **2026 Monthly Audit Meeting Schedule**, with the **December 2026 meeting date changed from December 14 to December 21**. Roll call vote. 5-Ayes Shirk, Elsberg, Hebbeln, Sowards and Sallows-Hines. 0-Nays. Motion carried.

New Business

Final approval of Tax Levy Ordinance at a 0% increase with Certificate of Tax Levy & Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance. The aggregate levy did not have a 5% increase over the prior year's extension; therefore, a notice and hearing were not necessary. - **Elsberg** moved and **Sallows-Hines** seconded, to approve the **Tax Levy Ordinance at a 0% increase with Certificate of Tax Levy & Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance**. Roll call vote. 5-Ayes Shirk, Elsberg, Hebbeln, Sowards and Sallows-Hines. 0-Nays. Motion carried.

Donations

2026 Rock Island/Milan Little League Baseball & Softball Sponsorship – Following general discussion, **Hebbeln** moved, and **Sallows-Hines** seconded, to sponsor the **Home Run (category), \$1,500**, RIMLL baseball team. Roll call vote. 5-Ayes Shirk, Elsberg, Hebbeln, Sowards and Sallows-Hines. 0-Nays. Motion carried.

Friendship Manor share in the care of seniors – The item was discussed; however, no motion was presented.

Multi-generational Community Building - The item was discussed; however, no motion was presented.

Public Comments

No public comments were noted.

Adjournment

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Elsberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM, and the motion was seconded by **Shirk**. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next South Rock Island Township Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

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