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May 18, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – Approved

Call to Order/Roll Call - The May 18, 2026, South Rock Island Township Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Supervisor Grace Shirk.

Elected Officials Present:

- Supervisor Grace Shirk, Clerk KJ Whitley, Trustees – Bill Sowards, Diana Hebbeln, Chris Elsberg, Jonah Sallows-Hines, and Assessor Nichole Parker

Approval of the Agenda - **Sowards** moved, and **Elsberg** seconded, to approve the **May 18, 2026** South Rock Island Township agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – **Hebbeln** moved, and **Sallows-Hines** seconded, to approve the **April 27, 2026** South Rock Island Township Board meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Reports

Supervisor's Report (Record) – Shirk shared information regarding upcoming community events, including the America 250 Celebration scheduled for July 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. She also reported that the CPR class has been rescheduled for May 13, 2026. The bi-annual Township Outdoor Giveaway served approximately 144 individuals, which was lower than anticipated. As a result, an additional giveaway event will be scheduled in June. Shirk further reported that an individual previously trespassed from the Township property returned and was subsequently arrested due to an outstanding felony warrant. Lastly, she advised that the Township has developed a public calendar highlighting community events and activities available for residents to participate in throughout the area.

Clerk's Report (Record) – Whitley reported that no FOIA requests had been received since the last meeting. She also noted that she had not received any Township Clerk emails since April 27, 2026. Whitley was advised that the Township's email system had recently been migrated to Outlook and was provided with the vendor's contact information to assist with restoring access to her account. Whitley noted that Township business correspondence should be routed through the Township email accounts, kjwhitley@sritownship.net or sritclerk@gmail.com, rather than her personal email address.

Assessor's Report (Record) – Parker reported that 478 Senior Freeze exemptions have been processed to date. She also advised that property tax bills were mailed on May 1, 2026, and reported that she had completed her annual FOIA training requirements.

General/Emergency Assistance Report (Record) - The **April 2026 Client/Public/Senior Citizen Report** was provided with the agenda.

Treasurer's Report and Authorization and Transfers of Town Fund and Relief Fund Bills – (Record) - The Treasurer's Report for **April 2026** was presented and placed on record. The Township Board audited the arch **April 2026** bills and claims, which were also placed on record. **Sallows-Hines** moved, and **Hebbeln** seconded, to authorize payment of the Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and transfers in the amount of ~ **\$49,446.35**. Roll call vote. 5-Ayes Sowards, Sallows-Hines, Shirk, Hebbeln, and Elsberg. 0-Nays. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Approval to Pay TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association) 2026–2027 Coverage – Elsberg moved and **Sowards** seconded to approve payment to the Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association (TOIRMA) in the amount of **\$10,099** for the 2026–2027 coverage period, due June 1, 2026. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, Hebbeln, and Elsberg), 0 nays. Motion carried.

Allied Benefits System – MACI (Medical Assistance Catastrophic Insurance) – Elsberg moved and **Hebbeln** seconded to approve payment to Allied Benefits System for MACI Insurance in the amount of **\$3,115**. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, Hebbeln, and Elsberg), 0 nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Transfer from Town Fund to General Assistance Fund – Hebbeln moved and **Sallows-Hines** seconded to transfer **\$10,000** from the Town Fund to the General Assistance Fund. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, Hebbeln, and Elsberg), 0 nays. Motion carried.

Amendment to Budget Reflecting Transfer from Town Fund Contingency to General Assistance Fund – Elsberg moved and **Hebbeln** seconded to amend the budget to reflect the transfer of **\$10,000** from the Town Fund Contingency line item to the General Assistance Fund. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, Hebbeln, and Elsberg), 0 nays. Motion carried.

Approval to Open Account with Illinois State Treasurer Illinois Fund– After discussion, this item died for lack of a motion.

Action on Certificate of Deposit (CD) – Gas & Electric Credit Union – After discussion. Shirk moved and Elsberg seconded to authorize the Township to open an account with Gas & Electric Credit Union and establish a Certificate of Deposit (CD). The motion further authorized the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to serve as signatories on the account. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, Hebbeln, and Elsberg), 0 nays. Motion carried.

Donations

Community Caring Conference – Annual Donation Drive – Sowards moved and Hebbeln seconded to approve a financial contribution to support the Community Caring Conference Annual Donation Drive in the amount of **\$300**. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, Hebbeln, and Elsberg), 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Shirk thanked everyone for their generosity and support during the recent benefit held for her son, Jason, and his wife, Ally (Shirk). She shared that Ally recently passed away following a battle with breast cancer and expressed appreciation for the community's kindness during this difficult time. Shirk also advised that she would be returning to Florida in June to attend Ally's Celebration of Life ceremony.

Adjournment

Elsberg moved to adjourn the meeting at **4:56 pm** and the motion was seconded by **Sallows-Hines**. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next SRIT Board meeting is scheduled for Monday ,June 29, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

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