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August 31, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – Approved

Call to Order/Roll Call - The August 31, 2026, South Rock Island Township Board meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Supervisor Grace Shirk.

Elected Officials Present:

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

Others: Present:

- Rock Island Earl Hanson PTO -Fundraising Coordinator, Meghan Cooley; Simon Cooley, Miley Matherly and Jessica Matherly

Approval of the Agenda – Sowards moved, and Elsberg seconded, to approve the August 31, 2026, South Rock Island Township agenda. Voice vote; motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Hebbeln moved, and Elsberg seconded, to approve the July 27, 2026, South Rock Island Township Board meeting minutes. Voice vote; motion carried.

Reports

Supervisor's Report (Record) - Shirk reported that she and Assessor Parker met with staff to discuss personnel guidelines; three South Rock Island Township residents conducted the Township audit on August 6, 2026, with no findings; the fall newsletter will go to the printer on September 4, 2026, for printing and distribution; leaf bag distribution will begin October 5, 2026; and several other upcoming Township events.

Clerk's Report (Record) - Whitley reported that no FOIA requests had been received since the last meeting; the July 27, 2026, meeting minutes had been posted to the Township website; and she submitted an article for the Clerk's page in the fall newsletter. Whitley also provided pictures and pricing for the Board's consideration regarding the purchase of a gently used fireproof cabinet for the Clerk's records. She further reported that her employer, the City of Moline, through its Care Crew, donated \$500 toward expenses for the upcoming Quad Cities Veterans Luncheon scheduled for November 4, 2026.

Assessor's Report (Record) - Parker reported that 680 Senior Freeze Exemptions had been processed to date; the Township factor is 1.0350; and the tentative Board of Review publication date is September 26, 2026.

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

Treasurer's Report and Authorization of Bills and Transfers (Record) – The Treasurer's Report for July 2026 was presented and placed on record. The Township Board audited the July 2026 Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and claims, which were also placed on record. Hebbeln moved, seconded by Elsberg, to authorize payment of the Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and transfers totaling \$63,040.03. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes (Sowards, Elsberg, Sallows-Hines, Shirk, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Approval of Treasures Report 2025-2026 - Following discussion, **Elsberg** moved, seconded by **Sowards**, to approve the 2025–2026 South Rock Island Township Treasurer’s Report. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes (Sowards, Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Office Machine Consultants- SonicWall Protection License- 1 year- \$1,380 - Following discussion, **Hebbeln** moved, seconded by **Sallows-Hines**, to approve the purchase of a one-year SonicWall protection license in the amount of \$1,380. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes (Sowards, Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Approval of transferring \$10,000 from the money market to the Relief Fund- **Elsberg** moved, seconded by **Hebbeln**, to transfer \$10,000 from the Money Market Fund to the Relief Fund. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes (Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, Hebbeln, and Elsberg), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Approval of transferring \$20,000 from the money market to the Town Fund- **Elsberg** moved, seconded by **Sowards**, to transfer \$20,000 from the Money Market Fund to the Town Fund. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes (Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, Hebbeln, and Elsberg), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Annual Audit – Performed by Janette Creger, Vicki Hess and Kevin Koski - Following discussion, **Elsberg** moved, seconded by **Sallows-Hines**, to approve the South Rock Island Township Annual Audit Report. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes (Sowards, Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Fireproof cabinets by All makes- \$2,600- Following discussion, **Elsberg** moved, seconded by **Hebbeln**, to approve the purchase of a gently used fireproof cabinet for the Clerk’s records in the amount of \$2,600. Roll call vote: 5 Ayes (Sowards, Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Donation Request

Trustee **Sowards** left the meeting at 5:42 p.m. and was not present for the following donation discussions or votes

Rock Island Park + Rec- Thursday night concert series- **Hebbeln** moved, seconded by **Elsberg**, to donate \$500 to sponsor a band for the Thursday night Groove concert series. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Earl Hanson PTO T-Shirts- Following a presentation by representatives of the Earl Hanson PTO, **Elsberg** moved, seconded by **Hebbeln**, to donate \$2,000 to the Earl Hanson PTO to support the purchase of Earl Hanson community/school t-shirts. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Community Caring Conference Annual Banquet- **Elsberg** moved, seconded by **Hebbeln**, to approve \$200 for the purchase of a half-page color advertisement for the Community Caring Conference Heroes Award Banquet. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Rock Island/ Milan Booster Club Annual Wendland-Moran Memorial Gold Club- No action was taken.

Knights of Columbus Annual Civic Award-\$200- Shirk moved, seconded by **Hebbeln**, to approve \$200 to support the 2026 Knights of Columbus 47th Annual Civic Award Banquet. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

City of Rock Island Parade sponsorship- \$500- Elsberg moved, seconded by **Hebbeln**, to approve \$500 to sponsor a musical group in the 2026 Rock Island Labor Day Parade. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried

Leaders of Tomorrow- \$5,000-No action was taken.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library-Elsberg moved, seconded by **Shirk**, to approve a \$1,000 for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Public Comments - None

Adjournment

Elsberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m., and **Hebbeln** seconded the motion. Voice vote; motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next regular Township Board meeting was scheduled for September 28, 2026. Following the August 31 meeting, Board members were polled regarding their availability, and the September 28 meeting was canceled after it was determined that a quorum would not be present. A special meeting was subsequently scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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Township Clerk

9.30.26
Date