



Thursday, November 20th 2025

5:45 p.m. – Audit of Township Bills/Claims Board Room, Milton Township Hall
6:00 p.m. –Regular Monthly Business Meeting 1492 N. Main Street
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Mission Moment – First a letter from Miss Carrie Shillington and the PE 3 students at Clare Woods Academy who did a food drive for us and then Veteran & Chaplain Naresh Nair offers unifying invocation.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance led by our guest attorney, Neal Smith
 - C. Attendance Roll Call Trustees McGowen, here; McGrath, here; Siemer. here ; Pitts, here; Supervisor Higgins-Beard, here; Clerk Bailey, here.
 - D. Approval of Agenda Trustee Pitts moved and Trustee McGowen seconded. Agenda was approved as amended (change item VI second E to F) by a voice vote
 - E. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting October 16, 2025. Trustee Siemer moved and Trustee Pitts seconded, the minutes were approved by voice vote
 - F. Approval of Claims The Town Board having made a review and audit of township bills in an earlier part of this meeting which total \$555,760.05. Trustee Siemer moved, seconded by Trustee Pitts to approve the bills to be paid and charged to the proper Township Accounts. Following discussion, on a roll call vote, the Trustees voted as follows: Ayes included Trustees McGrath, McGowen, Siemer and Pitts and Supervisor Higgins-Beard. No Nays or Abstentions. Whereupon the bills were approved.
- II. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes per person, Public called in the order Comment Request was submitted, total allotted time for Public Comment 30 minutes) None offered.
- III. Chair's Report
 - A. Honoring Veterans. 12 veterans were honored today. They were PFC Candelario Lopez, Jr., FC Clifford A. Koepke, SP5 Dallas F. Reid, SR E3 Kevin Gresham, SP4 E4 (T) Metro Swetz, SGT Vance H. Hallmann, SPC Cheryl Robinso, SGT John Bridenhagen, PFC Marvin H. Donelson, CPL Neo Delgado Ortiz, COL O-6 Federick J. Tama and ABE 2 Larry Pitts. Awards, Military branch of service and years of service were all presented at the meeting. More were invited. Some veterans may be honored at our December meeting. COL O-6 Federick J. Tama's daughter and ABE 2 Larry Pitts came up to the front to accept their awards.
 - B. General Assistance There has been an increase in both appointments for new assistance and in grants. Toys for Tots coming in December.
 - C. Miscellaneous/Other. CERT volunteer hours will reach or exceed 10,000 hours this year. Deployed a rapid response network. Milton Staff is out in the community and going to trainings. A 5th grade girl scout called to offer to build and supply a little closet for food in front of Milton Township Office for 10 years!
- IV. Reports
 - A. Town Clerk Report/Comments (Dan Bailey, Clerk) Attended College of DuPage 5-year plan event for the public.
 - B. Trustees Report/Comments Trustee McGowen reported that the food pantry evening event was successful and lauded the work by Dave and Debbie. Trustee McGrath said the next 708 Community Mental Health Board meeting will be November 25, 6pm at the Roy Morrill Community Center 1777 S Blanchard Room 214 Wheaton. She was at Township Officials of Illinois yearly conference. There were 2 particular notable workshops; one on how to do youth programming without a youth department and the other immigration and 'Know Your Rights'. Trustee Pitts talked about retired Sheriff Deputy Terry Albright who is our new SALT leader. Senior Auto Inspection in October had 72 cars. Cemetery Board Jewel Grove Forest Restoration is in progress getting bids and repairing grave markers. St Stephens will get a prairie burn in the Spring and restoration. Looking for 2 Cemetery Board members. Trustee Siemer reported on the Trunk or Treats events at PADS for unhoused children.

- C. Highway Commission Report (Mike Drew, Highway Commissioner unable to attend) Milton Highway issue reporting app, Gogov, is up and running saving time and money and providing convenience to our residents. They are reaching out to homeowners associations to explain and promote this new service.
- D. Community Mental Health 708 Board Quarterly Report (Shannon Hartnett). Local service Board of 7 to 9 members that evaluates community needs. Health Departments runs Impact DuPage that provides them information. They plan (1 and 3 yr plans) and are able to allocate funds focusing on 3 areas; mental health, developmental and intellectual disabilities and substance abuse disorder. Levy went up from \$840,000 in 2023 serving 14 agencies and 6000 residents but in 2025 the 1.1 million Levy funded 18 agencies serving 4200 residents as of July. A story illustrated their work more powerfully than numbers. A veteran with PTSD anxiety and housing insecurity (homeless multiple times) who had a dream of sitting on his own balcony so he could relax and decompress from his PTSD and anxiety. PADS provided the housing assistance but our Mental Health Board provided the wrap around mental health services that made his transition possible.
- E. Partner Milton Township Food Pantry Report (Dave Sezonov) Oct and November. 100 pumpkins passed out. We fed 400 households, 1300 individuals. 16 new families signed up last month. Turkey give away is Monday. 125 big pumpkin pies. \$22,000 donations since October and 23,000 lbs of food. Monday another frozen food distribution with another coming December 1. Toys for Tots, coat drive, Adopt a Family programs coming up. Knights of Columbus, the Wheaton Lions and random people and groups are doing food drives. The **best ways to help** are **first donate cash, next is shelf stable foods** like canned goods. Donations from elected officials and volunteers, including Steve Siemer with 100 lbs of Halal chicken. Needs are up. Dave says we have to be like the squirrels in his yard storing away food for what is coming.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Auditor update FY2025 is late, all docs were submitted but the report won't be done until January. We will likely get fined \$40 per day until they are submitted. This is the best we could do with what we were handed. FY 26 to 28 RFP will be considered later in this meeting. FY2021 to 2025 Investigative Audit is done. Expect a report in February. ARPA receipts were lost by previous admin but now they are found - likely avoiding fines.
- B. Request for Proposal for Audits 2026 – 2028 Trustee Siemer is looking for an auditor for FY 26 to 28. Sikich looks good. The attorney said we do not need a vote to authorize this search at this time, but will only when we decide to engage the auditors.

VI. New Business

- A. Milton Township 2026 Holiday Schedule R-2025-13 Motion by Trustee Pitts, Second by Trustee McGowen. After discussion, on a roll call vote trustees McGowen, McGrath, Siemer and Pitts and Supervisor Higgins-Beard all voted yes to approve this 2026 Holiday Schedule with no 'nos' or abstentions.
- B. Levy for Highway presentations. Highway Commissioner, Mike Drew was not available. Supervisor Higgins-Beard substituted. She explained that all of these levies are proposals that will not have a final vote until our December 18 meeting. So we all have time to look them over and come with questions at that meeting. Trustee asked how residents would see them. These will be up on the website.
- C. Levy for Township presentation from Supervisor Elizabeth Higgins- Beard. This proposal asks for an increase of 4.36% to cover increased costs and to pay employees fairly. Consider that costs are going up and salaries should be higher for our staff. CMHB Fund, lots of unmet need so ask is up by 4.8%. Special Police Fund cut 41% because of Decreased use of the Sheriffs police which the Chief Deputy suggested. Mosquito Abatement Fund decrease because of less use and smaller district to serve. Trustee Siemer asks that we consider lowering the levy request for Township because of our large reserve to 2.5%. Trustee McGrath asks for figures to show the effective changes for a house with assessed valuation of \$100,000. All these Levies are proposals that shall be discussed and voted on at our December meeting.
- D. Adoption of Levy: Town & General Assistance Funds – O-25-3 (PROPOSAL) Trustee Pitts moved and Trustee McGowen After discussion motion approved by voice vote.
- E. Adoption of Levy: Special Police District Fund –O-25-4 (PROPOSAL) Motioned by Trustee Pitts, seconded by Trustee McGrath. Motion carried.
- F. Adoption of Levy: Consolidated Milton/Glen Ellyn Mosquito Abatement Fund – O-25-5 (PROPOSAL) Motioned by Trustee McGrath, seconded by Trustee Pitts and approved by Voice vote.
- F. Adoption of Levy: 708 Community Mental Health Board Fund – O-25-6 (PROPOSAL) Motioned by Trustee Pitts, seconded by Trustee Siemer. Approved by voice vote.
- H. Adoption of Levy: Road District Fund – O-25-7 (PROPOSAL) Trustee McGrath moved and

Trustee Pitts seconded the motion. After discussion this motion approved on a voice vote.

- I. Proposition to the Voters of Milton Township on the General Primary Election Ballot March 2026 asking for approval of a Levy for Equipment and Buildings at the Road District R-2025-14. Trustee Pitts motioned, Trustee McGrath seconded. After discussion including that this would be 0.035% of assessed value, Trustee Siemer said he wants more information and moved to table this proposition until our December meeting. Trustee Pitts seconded the motion to table. Our Dec meeting would be before the deadline to put this proposition on the March primary ballot. On a voice vote, motion to table was approved.
- J. Partnership for Vaccination Clinic Availability at Milton Township R-2025-15 Trustee Pitts motioned, Trustee Siemer seconded. The Jewel Osco pharmacy will come to our office to provide vaccinations at no cost to the staff or clients. This is mostly paid by our insurance. We are capping the cost for this at \$3000 for a 2 day clinic. This is keeping in accordance with the mission of the township to keep staff and clients safe. After discussion, on a roll call vote, Trustees McGowen, McGrath, Siemer and Pitts and Supervisor Higgins- Beard voted yes. Motion passed

VII. Adjournment Trustee Pitts moved to adjourn, Trustee McGowen seconded. On a voice vote all voted to adjourn at 7:20 pm

Signed:

Dan Bailey

Date: 11/17/2025

Dan Bailey, Town Clerk

Next Meeting Thursday, December 18th 2025, held in the Township Assessor's Office