

**Minutes of The
February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting
Sugar Grove Township
Kane County, Illinois**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present were Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Montalto (via Zoom), Supervisor Rowe, Highway Commissioner Musser, Assessor Karas and Clerk Marion Bond.

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Statkus, Valerie, Nathan and Noah Statkus

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dan Statkus thanked the board for considering him for the Water Authority Board and introduced his family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to approve the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes; motion by Trustee Medina, second by Trustee Bobbe. Assessor Karas said that under Bills & Reports the amount listed for the reimbursement to Patti Jensen should be correct to \$840.00, not \$4840.00. Correction noted. Trustee Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye. Minutes approved as corrected.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS:

Township Check Register & Reconciliation Report: Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to review and approve the Township Bills for the month of January. Motion by Trustee Elliott, second by Trustee Medina. Trustee Elliott asked about ck#20079 to Warehouse Direct. Supervisor Rowe said that was for office supplies, and it used to be Runco, and now is Warehouse Direct. Trustee Elliott asked about Ck# 20074 to Paisano's Pizza in the amount of \$746.00 which seemed high to him. Supervisor Rowe said that was for the Senior Lunch which the Township pays and then bills the Park District for half. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any other questions on the Township bills, there being none he called for roll call. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.

Road District Check Register & Reconciliation Report: Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to review and approve the Road District Bills for the month of December. Motion by Trustee Bobbe, second by Trustee Medina. Road Commissioner Musser noted the Elan Financial charge for \$2264.95 saying that was for the pump which is like a hot tub pump and used to spray the salt. Commissioner Musser also noted ck# 13463 to Bonnell Industries in the amount of \$2960.06 was for plow blades and things for the trucks. Supervisor Rowe said that he should point out the transfer on page 1 for \$54,659.12 to the permanent Road fund that was for several months of IMRF reimbursement. The accountant had not charged it back to the Road District. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any other questions on the Road bills, there being none he asked for roll call. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.

PAYROLL & PTO January 2026 for informational purposes.

PROFIT & LOSS Reports through 1.31.26: Supervisor Rowe said this report is 10 months of the year. of the fiscal year. Trustee Elliott asked about item 463 Retirement noting it is a negative number. Supervisor Rowe said that was the IMRF which the Road district reimbursed the Township. Rowe will speak with Swanson's to clean up the report. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any other questions on the Township P&L. The Road District P&L was reviewed. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any other questions on the Road District P&L. Trustee Elliott pointed out item 463 Retirement. Supervisor Rowe said that the \$31,871.25 designated as FY 24-25 was for last year. Doug's budget was based on incorrect numbers because transfers had not been entered but this will be cleaned up. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Supervisor Rowe and Trustee Medina attended the listening session with Kane County staff. The County highlighted many of their programs kicking off with the new Riding in Kane program. They talked about the changes to the senior freeze, this new public safety alert system, riverboat funding opportunities. Whether or not we wanted a Narcan machine in our buildings, flu shots and others. Lewis said they talked about a medical closet to store walkers, wheelchairs and other needs. Supervisor Rowe said maybe they should talk to Julie and Debbie to see if it is something the Community Building would want for the seniors. There was discussion about the Narcan machine and Dan Statkus suggested looking at the Library which has one.
2. TOI – the annual lobby day is in Springfield on April 15th. This is the time of year that TOI provides 7 scholarships of \$2,000.00 to graduating Seniors. There is an application in the packet and the deadline is March 2nd.
3. TOI is recommending the Civility Pledge be adopted by the board and signed by each member of the board. All elected signed the Civility Pledge and submitted to Clerk Bond.
4. Ice Rink we had a full month of skating in January.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Karas reported that he attended the Senior Luncheon and spoke about the senior freeze and helped a resident with the disability exemption. He was interviewed on WSPY discussing the exemptions in the collar counties and may do more in the future. He reported 3 new home permits and said they are turning in new assessments on April 1st. The value of properties as of January 1st. Ground is being broken for the new development by Home Depot – it will be 320 units.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Had some snow events with overtime and double time. Have 200 tons of salt. There is a salt shortage in the state. IDOT is bringing in more salt. Doug has a railcar with salt coming in. They have 100 ton, shed is half full, they need another 150 tons. The prints for the building are at the Village. Commissioner Musser is hoping for Memorial Day completion.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Community Building – Trustee Bobbe was out of town but he is working on getting a new set of backboard pads because the current ones were damaged by people hanging on them.

Mental Health - Trustee Montalto reported that he received a newsletter from the Health Alliance reporting on Marklund and what they do. Kiwanis will do another Car Show on Saturday June 20th from 8-2. They have booked Carousel Sound for music and trophies. They may use the middle school lot, and not limit the number of participants. Still working on logistics. There will be no pancake breakfast. They may bring in some food trucks for lunch.

Airport Authority – Trustee Median announced the next meeting is February 9th.

Water Authority – Trustee Elliott reported Blackberry Creek is flowing at 14,000/gpm. Someone had asked Mayor Stillwell if Yorkville drops off and starts using Lake Michigan water, will Sugar Grove have an abundance of water? Elliott does not think that's true. He gave a slide show presentation showing the head level of water above the St. Peter aquifer which is what the village takes its water from. The Joliet area, including Plainfield, Shorewood – the demand is there and the head level is already down, so the wells go dry. Two of Joliet's downtown municipal wells went dry. Aurora is encroaching on Sugar Grove Township. Looking at the Aurora Pumping, their active wells pumped 2.6 billion gallons in 2025. The three wells in Sugar Grove township provided 17% of the total. How deep the pump level and depth of well determines the draw down. Trustee Bobbe asked how many wells Aurora has – Elliott said he thinks they have 27 including these three. Sugar Grove has an abundance of water because of the St. Charles bedrock valley, which takes us out to 2050. He said Hannafin well and Ratos well are key monitoring stations. Supervisor Rowe asked about the potential data processing center in The Grove development and how that would impact the water usage. Elliott said they would use 230,000 gallons a day, whereas the pumping from Aurora is 1.2 million per day. There is a huge difference in water usage. The major well monitoring in Kane County is Sugar Grove Township. The problem with the pumping is the decrease of flow in Mill Creek and Blackberry Creek. Mill Creek has gone completely dry. St. Charles is now using gray water, so their water is coming back. Blackberry creek has a 14% decline. At 15% the creek can no longer support wildlife.

Clerk's Report – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. IDOT letter Re: Hanks Road Bridge: Supervisor Rowe shared a letter to the Village from IDOT stating the Village is responsible for the surface of the bridge. IDOT controls the bridge structure but not the surface. The Village annexed the golf course in the 1980's and Hanks Road so IDOT says they are responsible for the surface as part of the road. The village disagrees. The Township has an IGA with the Village for plowing, and had a verbal agreement to alternate years fixing potholes. Commissioner Musser says IDOT had plans to rebuild the bridge. But part of the new road was going to nick into the Forest Preserve which has federal funds to buy the land. Since 2018 IDOT has told the Village that they need to maintain the surface. IDOT has plans to re-do the structure but won't proceed until a local authority (Village) agrees to maintain the wearing surface. The Village has refused. The attorneys for IDOT and the Township both agree that the Township is not responsible, but the Village attorney does not. Supervisor Rowe asked for Trustee Montalto's view as a former Village Trustee. Montalto said he remembers the issue coming up frequently At the Village Board and that at one time the Village and Township were going to sue the state but the lawsuit was thrown out and the Village dropped it. The Mayor of Sugar Grove is going to meet with a State Representative to seek guidance on the issue.

- b. Consideration & Potential Approval of Health Insurance Committee Members. Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to form a Health Insurance Review Committee with at least one Trustee, representatives from the Road District and from the Assessor's office. The committee would review options and make recommendations. Trustee Bobbe volunteered and it was suggested by Doug Musser that the meetings should be quarterly. Road District participants will be Dustin Huggins and Bill Collins. The Assessor representative will be Patti Jensen. Supervisor Rowe will also attend. Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to approve this committee with these members. Motion by Trustee Medina, second by Trustee Elliott. Supervisor Rowe called for a vote. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration and Potential Approval of State of the Region Registration, Supervisor Rowe said he has reserved a table of 8 and we have 7 people going. Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to Approve, motion by Trustee Elliot, second by Trustee Bobbe. Supervisor Rowe called for a vote. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.
- b. Consideration and Potential Approval of Dan Statkus to the SGWA Board as Treasurer. Supervisor Rowe received a request to approve Dan Statkus as Treasurer to the Sugar Grove Water Authority. Jeff Humm has taken the Secretary job. It is the duty of the Township board to appoint board members to the Water Authority. Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to approve Dan Statkus as treasurer of SG Water Authority Board. Motion by Trustee Medina, second by Trustee Bobbe. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any other questions, there being none he called for a vote. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.
- c. Review of Assessor 2026-27 Preliminary Budget – Assessor Karas shared his preliminary budget and said the biggest increase was Health insurance which increased 20% (\$9,000.00). Software cost went up 5.81%, staff Salaries went up 4.12%. Total budget went up 6.52% (\$21,000) He was not sure about IMRF increase. Supervisor Rowe pointed out that this budget gets rolled into the Township Budget.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to Adjourn – Motion by Trustee Montalto, second by Trustee Bobbe. Voice Vote carried. Meeting Adjourned 7:32 pm