

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dennis Panagopolis, Janie Panagopolis. Supervisor Rowe said Dennis is President of the Sugar Grove Historical Society and Janie is the Educational Director. Supervisor Rowe explained that TOI had suggested that all townships do something to honor the 250th anniversary of our country. Janie has agreed to do a history of Sugar Grove Township at our Annual Meeting on April 14th. She said she's going to present a video. Doug Musser asked how many members does the Historical Society have. She said they are just short of 100.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to approve the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes; motion by Trustee Bobbe, second by Trustee Medina. Trustee Medina asked if his name should be by the Airport Authority report under Trustee Reports. It will be added before minutes are posted online. 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 February. Motion by Trustee Montalto second by Trustee Medina. Supervisor Rowe and Trustee Bobbe asked Assessor Karas if he would explain the Clarity bills. He said ck#20089 for \$750.00 was the Microsoft License for three users. Check#20090 is for February and ck# 20097 is for March. Supervisor Rowe pointed out that ck# 20091 to Liberty Mutual is for the bond for the Clerk. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any other questions on the Township bills, there being none he called for roll call. Trustees Bobbe, 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 February. Motion by Trustee Bobbe, second by Trustee Medina. Road Commissioner Musser Supervisor Rowe asked Commissioner Musser if there was anything he wanted to point out. Musser said the largest bill is to Ancel Glink and that is about the Hankes Road Bridge Deck. The rest is for utilities. Other than that there was not much spending. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any other questions on the Road bills, there being none he asked for roll call. Trustees Bobbe, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.

PAYROLL & PTO January 2026 for informational purposes.

PROFIT & LOSS Reports through 2.28.26: Supervisor Rowe said this report is 11 months of the fiscal year. Supervisor Rowe said there has been some clean-up on the report, that it is still not perfect but will be by the end of the year. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any other questions on the Township or Road District P&L. There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe said he included the flyer from the Fire District and Kiwanis Club regarding the Pork Chop and Chicken Dinner they are having from 5-B's Catering. It will be at the Fire Station. The fundraiser will be split 50/50 between the Fire District and Kiwanis. Rowe said you will drive through the Fire Barn to pick up meals, so that's cool for the kids.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Senior/Disabled Transportation Update: A total of 180 residents are registered for the transportation program as of 2/28/26 and a total of 66 rides were given in February. A total of 6,481 rides have been taken from 9/1/18 thru 2/28/26.
2. Senior Lunch Update – the monthly senior lunch was held on February 24th at the Community Building. Pizza and salad from Open Range was served to approximately 60 seniors & volunteers.
3. Senior Snow Removal & Lawn Mowing – we served 16 senior households this winter for snow removal and applications for summer lawn mowing will be mailed in March.
4. State of the Region – the Sugar Grove Chamber of Commerce sponsored the State of the Region event on February 26th at Waubensee College. Sugar Grove Township was well represented with a table of 8 including elected officials and staff. The presentation covered highlights from the Chamber, Village, Park District, Township and Kane County.
5. Montgomery TIF Surplus – we have received surplus checks from the Village of Montgomery TIF 2. The township received \$90.18 and the road district received \$178.47.
6. Community Newsletter – the last 4 years we partnered with the SG Community Building on a community newsletter. We could include a little bit from the Historical Society as well. If the board concurs, I will seek quotes for a 4-page color newsletter to include production, printing, and mailing to all township residents. The cost would be split 75/25 between the Township and the Community Building and included in the 2026/27 tentative budget.
7. Statement of Economic Interest – you will be receiving information from Kane County regarding your Statement of Economic Interest in March that is due by May 1, 2026.
8. Out of Office. Supervisor Rowe said he will be out of the office the week of March 23rd but will work remotely.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Karas reported that in February there was 1 new home permit was issued and 9 homes were transferred to owners. The assessed value of the township is \$1,141,868,383.00.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: There were no snow events in February. 200 tons of salt coming in, and they will sign up with the county to get their quota for next year. They have a full shed. He explained that the reason there was a shortage this year is because the last three years had been so slim the county didn't stock much. Then the East and South got hit with storms and salt was shipped to those places. They had a train derailment, and will try to truck the salt to Illinois. Over the summer they were hauling mulch and fertilizer so got behind with salt. Road District has picked up the whole township of garbage, will be taking snow fences down, doing some light trimming and truck maintenance. All of the village forms for the building have been approved and signed off by the Village engineer. Commissioner Musser said our guy came in and broke down the schedule and everything is under \$30,000.00 so they don't need to bid anything out. We should have a permit for concrete by Thursday, so the building may be up sooner than expected.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Community Building – Trustee Bobbe said they have bat issues and are waiting to see what the options are. They are getting in through the attic. They were discussing who would do it. They had another company quote the trash receptacle. They repainted a bathroom by the clothes closet.

Airport Authority – Trustee Medina reported that the fuel tax increased from 5 cents to 6 cents and the last time it was raised was the mid 80s. A couple of members on the board will leave. The city of Aurora will not do the rezoning for the sign so whoever installs it will need to do the rezoning.

Mental Health - Trustee Montalto said there isn't much but he attended the 708 Board last week via Zoom. They went over the budget. For YTD they have 68 new clients from Sugar Grove Township with a total of 211 contacts. Total clients for the agency 256, we carry about 1/5 of total load. There were 656 total contacts. They are very appreciative of our donations. Kiwanis is still working on the car show and Waubensee has offered their lot for the show. It will be June 20th from 9-2 and they hope to have food trucks there. One location is the total north end of campus or the lot behind the new Automotive building.

Water Authority – Trustee Elliott was absent.

Clerk's Report – Filed with the County Clerk the assessor's oath of office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. IDOT letter Re: Hanks Road Bridge: Supervisor Rowe shared a letter to the Village from IDOT stating they are ready to put in a new bridge but are waiting for the Village to take responsibility for jurisdiction of the new bridge. 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. There is a meeting set up with the Village tomorrow and Rowe, Musser, Bill Collins, Dustin Huggins will attend along with Township attorney. Rowe said he believes the hope of the Village is that the Township will help. Commissioner Musser said they don't want to do it, as the issue is between the Village and IDOT. The Road district doesn't get any fees from it, they get no tax money for and already have four bridges which they maintain. There is an agreement to plow it, as township roads go out there. Trustee Montalto concurred that this should be the Village responsibility and if we did anything it would open us to liability. Supervisor Rowe drew attention to the attorney's Statement Regarding Hanks Road Bridge and asked the board if he should post it. Doug is in favor of posting it. It was suggested that posting it would be contingent on the outcome of meeting. Trustee Montalto suggest that the issue be included in the newsletter.

Trustee Bobbe suggested that we could send out an update later. There was further discussion regarding the newsletter.

- b. Consideration & Potential Approval of Health Insurance Committee Members. Our committee consists of Trustee Bobbe, Dustin Huggins, Bill Collins, Patti Jensen and Supervisor Rowe. Rowe said Patti is contacting the Village, road district members will contact other Kane County Road districts to see what they do, Rowe will contact the State, TOIRMA and TOI to see what may be available there. John will contact Kane County. The committee will come together mid-April.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review of 2026-27 Preliminary Budget – Supervisor Rowe explained that he put several comments on the budget spreadsheet so the board can see what things are for, the tentative budget will be approved at the April meeting so that April bills can be paid but the Budget Ordinance won't be approved until May following the public hearings for the budget.
- b. Review of Road District Preliminary Budget - Trade in Value, Commissioner Musser said they are trading 2 Silverado Pickups and a Freightliner Plow truck. They will have a tommy gate for a paint sprayer to do road lines. It should be delivered between Feb-March 2027.
- c. Consideration and Potential Approval of 2026 Annual Town Meeting Agenda – Supervisor Rowe presented the Agenda for the April 14th Meeting and Janie Panagopolis spoke about what would be in her presentation. Supervisor asked for a Motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting agenda, motion by Trustee Medina, second by Trustee Bobbe. /Supervisor Rowe called for a vote Trustee Bobbe, Medina and Montalto all voted aye and motion carried.
- d. Review & Potential Approval of Kaneland Arts Initiative Sponsorship – Trustee Montalto said he has serious concerns about this. It is no longer a volunteer thing. He sees a lot of red flags with the group, it is not Kaneland School District but strictly volunteer. The Art Initiative letter states that they need new lighting equipment but Montalto said that belongs to the school. They claim to need storage space and Montalto said that is because the school has kicked them out, so they are looking for a rental place. Montalto said they are a non-profit organization. Trustee Montalto recommended not contributing, and Trustee Medina seconded. Rick's daughter teaches at KHS and she said these are not the plays put on by the school, as she helps direct those. Since there was agreement between the Trustees, no motion was made to approve.
- e. Consideration & Potential Approval of Conley Outreach GA Agreement Renewal – Supervisor Rowe said that Conley has been doing this for about 3 years. He asked for a motion to renew the agreement, motion by Trustee Medina, second by Trustee Bobbe. Supervisor Rowe called for a vote. Trustees Bobbe, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe all voted aye and motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to Adjourn – Motion by Trustee Bobbe, second by Trustee Medina. Voice Vote carried. Meeting Adjourned 7:39 pm