

**Minutes of The
September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting
Sugar Grove Township
Kane County, Illinois**

Supervisor Rowe called the regular meeting of the Township Board to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: Present were Trustees Lewis Medina, Rick Montalto, Jon Bobbe, Supervisor Tom Rowe, Assessor Karas, Road Commissioner Musser and Clerk Marion Bond. Trustee Jerry Elliott arrived at 6:20 after speaking at the Village meeting.

ALSO PRESENT: Dustin Huggins

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None; After the Pledge, Supervisor Rowe asked Dustin Huggins if he had any comments, he said he was just here to observe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Rowe asked for review and approval of August 4, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion by Trustee Montalto, second by Trustee Medina to approve the minutes as presented. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any questions on the minutes, there being none he asked for a roll call to approve the minutes. Trustees Bobbe, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS:

Township Check Register & Reconciliation Report:

Supervisor Rowe asked for motion to review and approve the Township check register for August. Motion by Trustee Bobbe, second by Trustee Medina. Supervisor Rowe noted the 7/31 ending balance at the top. Supervisor Rowe noted ch#20246 to Ross Mechanical Group in the amount of \$150.00 was for the annual inspection of the backflow preventer device. Rowe pointed out that the reconciliation report is attached. Supervisor Rowe asked if there were any questions, there being none he asked for roll call. Trustees Bobbe, Medina and 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 August. Motion by Trustee Medina, second by Trustee Montalto. Supervisor Rowe asked Commissioner Musser if there was anything he wanted to highlight, Commissioner Musser said Ck#13617 to Hogh Star Traffic in the amount of \$3159.20 was for road signs. Commissioner Musser said ck#13620 to Superior Asphalt was for hot mix. They've been doing trimming and mowing and may do another round of mowing. Supervisor Rowe asked if there 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: August 2026 for informational purposes.

Supervisor Rowe said this year-to-date report is for the Road employees the Assessor staff.

PROFIT & LOSS: Reports through 8.31.26: Supervisor Rowe highlighted item 451, Health Insurance, and said that would balance once the Road District reimbursement is made. He said the same is true for item 531, Audit Service.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe said we received a notice from the library for a presentation by Mike Fagel on Wednesday, September 9th On Remembering 9-11-2001 the day the Twin Towers in NYC were destroyed by terrorists.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Senior/Disabled Transportation Update:
 - * A total of 187 residents are registered for the program as of 7/31/26
 - * a total of 89 rides were given in the month of August
 - * A total of 6,821 Rides have been taken from 9/1/18 to 6/30/26
2. Senior Lunch Update – the monthly senior lunch was held on August 25th at the Community Building. Pork Chops and mashed potatoes were served to approximately 70 seniors and volunteers. Our Senior Snacks and games Day has been expanded to noon-3:00 pm beginning September 1st.
3. Groovin in the Grove Summer Concert Series – the final two concerts of the summer were held on August 14 & 27. The Grovin in the Grove Committee will be meeting on September 24th to review the 2026 season and plan the 2027 concerts.
4. ComEd Grant Update – both the Village of Sugar Grove and Sugar Grove Fire Protection District have submitted ComEd grant applications for holiday lighting projects. I wrote a letter of support to both on behalf of the Sugar Grove Township. The grants will be awarded in late October.
5. CASA Kane County Funding Request – please see enclosed letter requesting social funding of \$5000 from Sugar Grove Township to CASA Kane County.
6. Township of Illinois – the TOI Clerks Division is accepting nominations for the annual William Ahrends Award to be presented at the annual conference in November. Nominations are due by September 30, 2026.
7. TIF 3 Joint Review Board Update – the Village of Sugar Grove called a special JRB meeting for TIF 3 (Crown Development) on August 13, 2026. Our attorney recommended we do attend that meeting per the enclosed letter. Subsequently the Village cancelled a 2nd JRB meeting scheduled for Sept. 2nd per the enclosed letter.
8. I will be out of the country Sept. 21-30 but will make every effort to respond to emails and voicemails.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Karas reported 14 single family home permits. 7 new homes transferred to owners. County published assessment changes July 23. Karas said they had 37 taxpayers contact them about assessments. There have been some requests for appeals but not many. There was discussion about the proposed data center on the Crown property. Karas said it would generate a lot of tax revenue. The TIF would benefit the schools, the fire department. There would be little to no increase in traffic because there are so few employees.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Musser said they finished the third round of mowing and picked up more garbage. Got the new truck, a three-quarter ton Chevy Silverado, and another truck coming possibly next week. We did some hot mix patching on Thornapple and have five hot mix patches slated for overlay next year. Aurora is doing east Prairie from Gordon to Randall. Did some simple trimming and sight line work. One big tree down on Prairie, but it's been to wet so we'll get that when it dries up.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Supervisor Rowe asked Trustee Elliott to share what he said & observed at the Village meeting and then give his report. Trustee Elliott said that he explained to the Village Board that water supply on the Shallow and Deep aquifers located in southern Kane County are largely from Sugar Grove and Aurora. On average Aurora pumps almost 8 times more than Sugar Grove. He said the study that the Village is using projects water demand out 44 years, which is hard to take as accurate. He noted that the Village Board should be proud of the work they've done to create a world class water system serving our community and are producing model results of water conservation.

Water Authority – Trustee Elliott said the township is flush with water, he reported that Blackberry Creek was flowing at 13,400g/p/m prior to the recent rain, but after the rain the flow was 38,000g/p/m which is where it is now. All the monitoring wells are up two feet. Ratos well is normally is 674 and now is 677. Elk Creek is running at 15,600g/p/m. All of the monitoring wells are up about 2 feet.

Community Building – Trustee Bobbe said they are gearing up for “No Tricks, Just Treats” to be held on October 24th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. There will be touch-a-truck experience with the SG Fire Department, A Halloween Backdrop Photo OP, Bounce Houses and a Costume Contest. The event is sponsored by the Sugar Grove Park District and the SG Township.

Mental Health - Trustee Montalto said they had the last concert of the season and will have meeting the last Thursday of September to do an after-action report and start picking bands for next year. He said good bands are costing \$3,000 and we may want to discuss our donation as it has been \$2,000. The Chamber has not provided a budget as of yet.

Airport Authority – Trustee Medina reported that the meeting was cancelled.

Clerk's Report – The clerk will file our audit & treasurer report with the county clerk in September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Sugar Grove Transportation Fee Update – In the packet is a copy of an email from Josh at Freedom First. He states that the fuel surcharge would go away if gas prices return to what they were before the increase started. He said the rates for Ride in Kane are \$5.00 for the first ten miles and \$2.00 for each mile after that and they evaluate the rates every year.
- b. TOI Annual Conference November 9-11 at Springfield – Supervisor Rowe said to let him know if anyone is interested.
- c. Health Insurance Committee Update – the committee narrowed down the choice of Broker to Gallagher. New rates come in October. Gallagher serves the Village of Sugar Grove, and Blackberry and Elgin Townships. The committee will have another meeting this fall. The Township Health Insurance Census is in your packet; where we are as of 10.1.26 and the other side is for 1.1.27. Doug and Dohn will retire in December so they are not on the 2027 census.

NEW BUSINESS–

- a. Consideration and Potential Approval of FY26 Annual Treasurer's Report – Supervisor Rowe presented the Treasurer's Report for FY ending 3.31.26 prepared by Lauterbach and Amen, noting it is a summary of revenues and expenditures. He asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Trustee Elliott, second by Trustee Medina. Rowe asked for roll call; Trustees Bobbe, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.

- b. Consideration and Potential Approval of Lauterbach & Amen Letter of Engagement Letter FY27-FY29 – Supervisor Rowe said the fee has gone up a little bit but still reasonable compared to our bids a couple years ago. Either side can terminate with proper notice. Rowe asked for a motion to approve, motion by Trustee Montalto, second by Trustee Bobbe. Rowe asked for roll call; Trustees Bobbe, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.
- c. Consideration and Potential Approval of No Tricks Just Treats Halloween Sponsorship – Supervisor Rowe noted that we have donated in the past and he he's asking for a motion to approve a \$250.00 sponsorship for No tricks Just Treats. Motion by Trustee Elliott, second by Trustee Medina. Supervisor Rowe asked for roll call; Trustees Bobbe, Medina, Montalto and Supervisor Rowe voted Aye, motion carried.

Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to Adjourn – Motion by Trustee Bobbe second by Trustee Montalto. Voice Vote carried. Meeting Adjourned 7:19 pm.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Sugar Grove Township Building, 54 Snow St.