

Supervisor Murphy called the public meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk McMahon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk McMahon called the roll and the following board members were present:
Supervisor Murphy, Trustee Hurckes, Trustee Pratl, Trustee Sexton-Kelly and Trustee Toscas.

Also present were Elizabeth Shine, Attorney; Katie Elwood, Township Manager; Colleen Kenny, Deputy Clerk; Cindy Young, Director of General Assistance; Tammy and Madison Balciunas, Township residents.

MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Hurckes, seconded by Trustee Toscas to approve the minutes from Session #1072-25, Regular Meeting, August 20, 2025.

Trustee Hurckes – aye
Trustee Pratl – aye
Trustee Sexton-Kelly - aye
Trustee Toscas - aye
Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Trustee Pratl, seconded by Trustee Toscas to approve hiring Kelly Zabinski as the Township CPA.

Trustee Hurckes – aye
Trustee Pratl – aye
Trustee Sexton-Kelly - aye
Trustee Toscas - aye
Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Sexton-Kelly, seconded by Trustee Pratl to approve the appointment of Heidi Holtz to the Garden Homes Fire Protection District Board for a three-year term.

Trustee Hurckes – aye
Trustee Pratl – aye
Trustee Sexton-Kelly - aye
Trustee Toscas - aye
Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor Murphy stated that the Township will be at the Chicago Ridge resource fair on Saturday, September 20th. She also shared that the Department of Aging will be conducting a Medicare presentation at the Township on October 15th from 10-12. Military and vets are welcome.

Trustee Hurckes reported that the construction is complete. We passed the Alsip inspection, and the final walk through will be tomorrow. An upcoming project will be the bleacher replacement at the end of October.

Trustee Sexton-Kelly said the volleyball refs are in the process of getting hired. She also shared that the trunk or treat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29 from 4-6.

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Trustee Toscas informed the Board that the Township did well with the audit. He mentioned that the bingo bonanza was a huge success. He also discussed there are 70 golfers for the Foundation September 26th golf outing.

Trustee Pratl said he was quite happy calling the numbers at the bingo bonanza. He shared some upcoming trips the seniors are taking. They are going to Navy Pier tomorrow, an Amish trip in October and Quentin Flagg will be performing at the Township in November.

Township Manager Katie Elwood shared Assessor Murphys report. The appeals are ending tomorrow, 9/18. The assessor's office received hundreds of appeals this week. She reported that the next appeals should be at the end of October/early November.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC/STAFF PARTICIPATION

Township resident Madison Balciunas, a student at Eisenhower High School is required to visit a townhall meeting as part of her AP Government class. Township resident Tammy Balciunas asked about the potholes between 117th and 119th Central Park. Township Manager Katie Elwood explained that street is not part of the Township. That area is part of Merrionette Park and directed her to take her concerns to them.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion made by Trustee Toscas, seconded by Trustee Hurckes, to waive the reading of the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented and budgeted.

Trustee Hurckes - aye
Trustee Pratl – aye
Trustee Sexton-Kelly - aye
Trustee Toscas - aye
Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Trustee Hurckes, seconded by Trustee Sexton-Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Trustee Hurckes - aye
Trustee Pratl – aye
Trustee Sexton-Kelly - aye
Trustee Toscas - aye
Supervisor Murphy – aye

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk Pro Tem Trustee Sexton-Kelly