

Supervisor Murphy called the public meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

Supervisor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk McMahon called the roll and the following board members were present:

Supervisor Murphy, Trustee Pratl, Trustee Sexton-Kelly and Trustee Toscas. Trustee Hurckes arrived at 5:30

Also present were Elizabeth Shine, Attorney; Katie Elwood, Township Manager; Colleen Kenny, Deputy Clerk; Shaun Murphy, Assessor; John Smith; Highway; Dave Trendl, Garden Homes resident; Gilbert Shepherd, Robbins Park District Commissioner; and Lina Shepherd, Robbins resident.

MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Pratl, seconded by Trustee Toscas to approve the minutes from Session #1078-26, Regular Meeting, February 18, 2026.

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Trustee Sexton-Kelly, seconded by Trustee Toscas to approve going out to bid for a combined bid of the Township and Highway Department parking lots.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Toscas, seconded by Trustee Pratl to approve the supervisor and finance trustee approving a \$500,000 loan subject to terms and conditions with Old Second National Bank for the Township parking lot.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Toscas, seconded by Trustee Sexton-Kelly to approve trading in an International truck model #7400 4x2 for a 2026 Mack MD6.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor Murphy mentioned that the mobile DMV hosted 50 residents and will be back in September. She shared that the Township has submitted grants to fix the sidewalks in Garden Homes and for sewer and culverts in Garden Homes. She also shared that the Township will be hosting a job fair with Arab American Family Services on April 23rd from 10:00-1:00. On April 30th the sheriff's department will be bringing a light saver program here for headlights and taillights.

Trustee Pratl said the seniors have been very busy. A very popular wreath making class was held on March 9th and a belly dancing class. Terri Pembroke, the receptionist at the Township will be leading a moving and grooving exercise class beginning March 30th. There is a bus trip to see the movie Grease at the Lyric scheduled for April 2nd and there are a few seats left.

Trustee Sexton-Kelly reported that the volleyball season is over and there were lots of champs! The Easter Bunny is coming April 1st from 4:00-7:00. This is a free event. The Township is accepting canned goods donations for the food pantry. She also mentioned that registration is open online for summer camp starting April 7th, 2026.

Trustee Toscas reported that the 25-26 audits have begun and should be done in a few months.

Assessor Murphy said they do not have any dates for certificates of error.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

PUBLIC/STAFF PARTICIPATION

Gilbert Shepherd, newly elected Park District Commissioner for Robbins, came to the meeting to meet the board. Lina Shepherd, a park district official for Robbins was also present and discussed her plans to revamp the park, expand the splash pad and do some grant work for some safety issues.

Dave Trendl, Garden Homes resident, discussed the parking problem in Garden Homes. He would like signage regarding parking and wants the sheriff to ticket the cars.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURERS REPORT

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

Trustee Hurckes - absent
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 5:32 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk Eamon McMahon