

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
September 9, 2025
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held September 9th, 2025 at the Atlanta Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Julie Osborn. Those present were Supervisor Julie Osborn, Clerk Shellie Reed, Trustees Georgia Green, Chuck Van Hoorn and Bruce Compton; Highway Commissioner Wes Green and Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks. Guests present were Martha Green and Harold Green. Trustee Joshua Koonce was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the August 11, 2025 meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction of adding Al Adams' last name where needed. Trustee Compton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 meeting as presented with corrections.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Osborn reviewed a letter from Ameren offering energy efficiency assistance such as LED lighting. Supervisor Osborn has completed a form requesting to be contacted for a review of the buildings and ways to save money but has not heard back.

Supervisor Osborn reminded everyone the annual Townships of Illinois Educational Conference is coming up in November and to let her know if interested in attending.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Reed had nothing to report.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green had nothing to report.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: a spot was marked for Jacksonville Monuments for a new footing on a monument, during which time two people complained to City Hall about the piece of the old monument left at the cemetery and it will be picked up this week; a call was received from the Huber family wanting to return spaces and she is attempting to find them and when they were purchased but the family just wanted to transfer them back so the deed transfer has been completed; LaVerne Thompson and Jackie McKown on the Cemetery Advisory Board have walked the cemetery and put together a list of the stones for the annual restoration project and pictures were distributed; while identifying the stones for repair, it was discovered two women are buried in the same spot according to records but after researching it, this has been corrected; the Atlanta Museum Cemetery Walk has been cancelled and may be rescheduled in May 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: New Windows: no date for installation.

NEW BUSINESS: City-wide Clean-up – discussion was held on not doing one this year due to the timing of the harvest but to do it in spring as was normally done.

Hope Packs donation increase – a review was done of the information presented by the Atlanta Methodist Church on what they get each month from the Food Bank in Peoria and how bags are distributed. A change has occurred and now each child will receive their own bag instead of sharing it with all children in one family. A new person is in charge, Candie Rogers. As of today, 36 children are on the list which is more than last year of approximately 25. There is no way to know if these are completely new names indicating more are in need or if these are siblings who used to share a bag and the same families are receiving as before. A discussion was held on increasing funds; however, it was noted the children are from multiple townships and perhaps the other townships could chip in, too. Trustee Green will encourage Candie to request funds from the other townships as they should have students benefitting from it. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Ameren lights – will be updated once we are contacted.

FINANCIAL REPORT & PAYING OF BILLS: Board Members reviewed the bills to be paid. Trustee Compton made a motion to approve the financial report and paying of the bills. Trustee Van Hoorn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Trustee Koonce was absent. The motion carried and bills were approved for payment.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Supervisor Osborn said she was contacted by Larry Liesman about Atlanta Township taking over Roaches Chapel Cemetery. Since the County manages it, she said he would need to check with the county on what to do before we could do anything.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk