



Monthly Meeting Agenda

March 10, 2026

- i. **Call to order**
- ii. **Approval of prior meeting minutes** MOTION
- iii. **Approval of agenda for Annual Town Meeting** MOTION
- iv. **Acceptance of Clerk resignation** MOTION
- v. **Bid for electric rates (Rock River Energy Services – Mike Mudge)** MOTION
- vi. **Review of FY26 financials and FY27 budgets/projections**
- vii. **FY27 Budget Ordinances - Town and Road District**
- viii. **Financial reports & authorization of expenditures**
 - a. **Town & General Assistance Fund** MOTION
 - b. **Road District Funds** MOTION
- ix. **Old and/or New business**
- x. **Public comment**
- xi. **Adjournment** MOTION
 - Annual Town Meeting April 14, 2026, 7:00pm
 - Budget Ordinance Hearing April 14, 2026, immediately following the Annual Meeting
 - Monthly Meeting April 14, 2026, immediately following the Budget Ordinance Hearing



Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026

i. Call to order

Supervisor Bergeron called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attendees: Trustees Brian McQueen, Tim Gulotta, James Hutcheson, and Hetland, Clerk Ken Stoll, Supervisor Lisa Bergeron, and 3 members of the public. Absent: Highway Commissioner Pigott.

ii. Approval of prior meeting minutes

Trustee McQueen motioned to approve the 1/13/2026 minutes, Trustee Hutcheson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

iii. Schedule for upcoming meetings

Supervisor Bergeron reviewed the schedule for upcoming meetings, which includes the Annual meeting to review the FY26 Treasurers Reports on 4/14/2026 and the FY27 Budget Ordinance public hearing on 5/12/2026.

iv. Ranking of Township priorities and repairs/purchases

Supervisor Bergeron provided a summary of high-level priorities for the Board and asked them to rank from top priority to lowest priority. A list of potential needs and purchases was also provided along with estimated costs and context for the Board to rank from top priority to lowest priority. Supervisor Bergeron asked the Board to return their individual rankings in a week or two and the results would be rolled up into an overall summary. The goal would be to put together a long-range plan for addressing these items to enable better budget planning.

v. Furnace repair, replace, or wait until breakdown

Supervisor Bergeron reviewed the status of the furnace after an HVAC inspection. Overall, the 24-year-old furnace is working fine and running at around 75% efficiency. However, the inducer motor blades are warping causing grinding which will eventually fail. The estimate for a new 95% furnace was \$5,300 and the cost to repair the current issue is \$1,300. Given the furnace will likely run through the remainder of the current fiscal year, Supervisor Bergeron asked the board to unofficially indicate if they would want to repair or replace the furnace if needed in the next fiscal year in order to plan appropriately for the upcoming budget cycle. The Board agreed that it would be better to replace the furnace rather than put funds into repairs and wait until next fall to evaluate the status.

vi. Financial reports & authorization of expenditures

Supervisor Bergeron reviewed the Township bills. Trustee Hetland motioned to approve, Trustee McQueen seconded. The motion carried with one nay by Trustee Hutcheson. Supervisor Bergeron reviewed the road district bills. A discussion was held on the backhoe breakdown and repairs by Westside Tractor. Trustee Gulotta motioned to approve, Trustee Hetland seconded. The motion carried with one nay by Trustee Hutcheson.



vii. Old and/or New business

- a. Supervisor Bergeron informed the Board that the process to renew the electricity rates for the Township was underway. The current contract ends in August 2026. The energy broker indicated rates would likely be over 10 cents per KWH compared to the current rate of 6.7 cents per KWH. The energy broker will participate in the March meeting sharing options for renewal for the board to evaluate and vote on.
- b. Supervisor Bergeron made an announcement that the Annual Statement of Economic Interest notices would be emailed to the Board in the near future and that the process would be online.
- c. Supervisor Bergeron asked Board members to consider transitioning to direct deposit for March board payments given recent glitches with system processes.
- d. Supervisor Bergeron asked the board to provide potential agenda items on or before Tuesday in advance of the Sunday deadline to post agendas and meeting material. This allows for more time for review and questions. Friday and Saturday in advance of Sunday's deadline to post meeting materials is the busiest for the Supervisor due to accounting processes and preparation of financial reporting.
- e. Additional Topics:
 - i. Trustee Gulotta requested clarification of responsibilities for elected and appointed officials and a refresher overview for current members and new participants. Supervisor Bergeron suggested Township Officials of Illinois (TOI), which has an extensive library of articles on these topics as well as an ongoing series of workshops, both online and in person. All Board members are automatically enrolled as members of TOI. Supervisor Bergeron would reach out to TOI to get the newly appointed Trustee and Clerk on their list rather than waiting for the election office to send the updates so they can get materials more quickly.
 - ii. Trustee Gulotta suggested the need for a process for receiving, allocating, and distributing donations and grants to the township. Supervisor Bergeron agreed this was a good idea and Trustee Gulotta planned to draft a donation policy for review in the future.
 - iii. Trustee Gulotta asked about the procedures for amending minutes and how revisions and corrections are documented. Supervisor Bergeron indicated the process of amending minutes takes place during the monthly meeting and that she would work with the Clerk to develop a process to reflect changes.
 - iv. Trustee Gulotta suggested expanding the clerk's role to include an inventory road district and evaluate/inspect highway district vehicles and equipment. He suggested the Clerk's salary could be increased to cover the extra time. Supervisor Bergeron cautioned that increasing the Clerk salary for these tasks could not be reduced if the next Clerk does not have those skills. Inventory of items and what should be included in that inventory. Trustee Gulotta also requested a list of road work planned for the future which is in progress.
 - v. Trustee Gulotta talked about the Township's financial position due in part to lower taxes over the past and expressed concern about the potential insolvency in the future. Trustee Gulotta wanted notification to constituents on the financial condition. He raised issues around the financial positions of the Township and requested outside financial involvement.
 - vi. Trustee Gulotta created urgency around involving external financial review. Supervisor Bergeron welcomed the external review and requested Trustees identify the financial people they trust and see if they would be willing to meet to review and evaluate. Year-end estimates and 3-5-year projections are in progress and will be ready by the 3/10/26 meeting.



- vii. Trustee Gulotta raised the issue of Trustee communication approaches and strategies to ensure questions and discussion are constructive while maintaining a collaborative tone with the Highway Commissioner. Some were raising personnel issues which the Supervisor indicated were inappropriate at an open meeting, potentially opening liability issues. Supervisor Bergeron suggested they talk with the Highway Commissioner one-on-one rather than holding questions or issues for once a month at a public meeting. Trustee Gulotta expressed concerns about meeting in person to talk feeling that it would put him in a compromised position.
- viii. Trustee Gulotta asked about the authority and limitations of private entities, specifically wind and solar companies, in requiring infrastructure improvements from the township. Given changes at the state level, there is little ability to regulate. However, the Road District is working with legal counsel to develop a stronger, more thorough permit and road use agreement to decrease the potential impact on the Township as a whole.
- ix. Trustee Gulotta asked about allowable agenda items and what may legally be placed on the township agenda. Supervisor Bergeron indicated that anything can be placed on the agenda, but her desire is to be respectful of time. For items that are general questions it would be best to ask outside the meeting.
- x. Trustee Gulotta asked whether meeting length will be predetermined by the supervisor. Supervisor Bergeron said no and indicated meeting length is fluid depending on the content of the agenda.
- xi. Trustee Gulotta asked about the process to review prior meeting minutes review. Clerk Stoll outlined his plan for recording minutes. It was suggested that a laptop could be dedicated to Clerk responsibilities and that the laptop currently at the Township could be used by both the Clerk and Highway Commissioner but could not be taken to individual homes. However, that would make the work process challenging and perhaps a laptop should be a priority.
- xii. Trustee Gulotta asked about the status of a potential purchase of road grader purchase by the Road District. Supervisor Bergeron indicated this evaluation is still in the early stages of review and financial analysis. The Road District has one quote and is still waiting for two more. Once those are received a thorough financial analysis will be completed but it is not on the near horizon. Trustee Gulotta suggested establishing committees to make recommendations on equipment needs and road improvements. The issues of the Township's financial position were raised with concern that the Road District considers purchasing a grader. Supervisor Bergeron explained that there are 2 different governmental units and that the Township side has mostly fixed or required expenses so the grader would not impact Town funds. The issue was raised about what happens if the Township cannot pay the Highway Commissioner salary. Supervisor Bergeron has been working with legal counsel, Township Officials of Illinois and the DeKalb County Clerks office and has identified potential options the Board could consider. Those options include: 1. Merging with another township, 2. Transferring the building to the road district to avoid the upcoming building expenses, or 3. Raising taxes above the cap of the annual Consumer Price Index to regain Town fund financial stability. At present, the Town funds can be increased by around \$2,000 per year. However, expenses are rising faster than the amount given rising utility, insurance, and other costs, and salary increments approved in 2024.

Trustee Gulotta suggested the Township establish a committee to evaluate the need for a grader and need evaluate the condition of roads and needed maintenance/improvements. He provided an example of the use of a committee to evaluate an IMRF (pension).

viii. Public comment

A member of the Public felt the toilets could be replaced by most anyone or even the highway commissioner and did not feel the Township should spend the money on a plumber.



A second member of the Public stated that elected officials answer to members of the public and that the public are the bosses. He also requested the new vehicle include signage and expressed concern about the need for more residents to attend the meetings and get involved.

A third member of the public observed that it's difficult to accomplish everything during the monthly meeting and suggested Board workshops to work through issues in advance. OMA rules would inhibit 3 or more discussing business outside official meetings, but this could be accomplished through two discussing things. He expressed concern about the energy broker requiring commitment at the next meeting; however, it has to be voted on with that days rates which is how it has worked in the past.

Adjournment

Trustee Hetland motioned to adjourn at 8:45pm, Trustee Gulotta seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Annual Town Meeting Agenda

April 14, 2026

- i. Call to order
- ii. Nomination of Moderator MOTION
- iii. FY26 Annual Treasurer's Report MOTION
- iv. Public comment
- v. Adjournment MOTION

South Grove Township

Preliminary Aggregation Bid Review March 6, 2026

Current Program: Dynegy-August 24-August 26

6.787 cents/7.127 cents Renewable

Supplier	Price/options: Same rate for both Residential and small commercial		100% Renewable/Green Option
	ComEd PTC June 25-May 26 New ComEd rate starting in June TBD		
CleanSky	1 yr:	12.191	1 yr: N/A
	18 m:	12.254	18 m: N/A
	2 yr:	12.330	2 yr: N/A
	30 m:	12.839	30 m: N/A
Dynegy Energy	1 yr:	9.80	1 yr: 10.06
	2 yr:	9.78	2 yr: 10.06
	3 yr:	9.98	3 yr: 10.27
MC2	1 yr:	9.90	1 yr: N/A
	2 yr:	10.2	2 yr: N/A

Current Participants 138

Eligible Accounts 200

*ComEd only bought 50% power needed, so they will have a floating rate, which could change on a monthly basis.



South Grove Township

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L_1 - FY26 P&L Classes

April 2025 - March 2026

updated 3/7/2026

101 Township funds

	Actual	Budget	3/11 - 3/31 Projections	Fiscal Year End Balance	PROJECTED BUDGETS			
					CPI 2.90%	Projections		
					FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30
Beginning Balance	90,347	90,347		90,347	37,531	32,235	29,058	26,636
Income								
601 DeKalb County Property Taxes	73,686	73,041	0	73,686	79,265	81,405	83,359	85,026
602 State Revenue Sharing	1,769	3,000	0	1,769	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
603 Interest Income	624	1,200	40	664	500	400	300	200
TOIRMA dividend			750	750				
606 DeKalb County Elections	25	50		25	25	25	25	25
Total Income	76,105	77,291	790	76,895	81,790	83,830	85,684	87,251
Expenses								
701 Salaries	50,915	54,380	0	50,915	55,630	56,880	58,180	59,524
payroll taxes	3,895	4,160	0	3,895	4,256	4,351	4,451	4,554
Total Salaries	54,810	58,540	0	54,810	59,886	61,231	62,631	64,078
103 Building & Equipment Funds								
801 Accounting & audit	10,773	12,000	66	10,839	5,000	5,500	6,600	16,600
803 Dues & training	316	800		316	500	525	575	600
806 Misc/contingency	895	2,000		895	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
824 Insurance	5,916	6,000		5,916	6,300	6,800	7,300	7,800
830 Legal & professional services		1,800		0	2,000	1,500	500	500
839 Maint. & service - building	1,939	11,200	0	1,939	5,500	3,000	1,500	1,500
854 Publishing & website	824	1,300		824	400	450	500	550
866 Utilities	3,747	3,200	425	4,172	5,000	5,500	6,000	6,500
Total other expenses	74,410	88,300	491	74,901	27,200	25,775	25,475	36,550
Total Expenses	129,220	146,840	491	129,711	87,086	87,006	88,106	100,628
					106%	104%	103%	115%
					expenses as a percent of revenue			
Net Profit (Loss)	-53,115	-69,549		-52,816	-5,296	-3,176	-2,422	-13,377
Ending Balance	37,231.55	20,798		37,531	32,235	29,058	26,636	13,260

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General Ledger
South Grove Township
February 11-March 6, 2026

Acct	Date	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Amount	Balance	
101 Cash - Town Funds							
	Beginning Balance						46,745.63
	03/01/2026	2226	Brian McQueen	Pay Period: 02/01/2026-02/28/2026	-314.64	46,430.99	
	03/01/2026	2224	Tim Gulotta	Pay Period: 02/01/2026-02/28/2026	-326.71	46,104.28	
	03/01/2026	2225	Darell W. Kingsnorth	Pay Period: 02/01/2026-02/28/2026	-55.41	46,048.87	
	03/03/2026	DD	Keith A. Hetland	Pay Period: 02/01/2026-02/28/2026	-157.32	45,891.55	
	03/03/2026	DD	Lisa K. Bergeron	Pay Period: 02/01/2026-02/28/2026	-2,329.92	43,561.63	
	03/03/2026	DD	Kenneth H. Stoll	Pay Period: 02/01/2026-02/28/2026	-983.25	42,578.38	
	03/03/2026	DD	Durand L. Pigott	Pay Period: 02/01/2026-02/28/2026	-2,632.83	39,945.55	
	03/03/2026	DD	James Hutcheson	Pay Period: 02/01/2026-02/28/2026	-314.64	39,630.91	
	03/03/2026		QuickBooks Payroll	Tax withdrawal	-2,424.87	37,206.04	
	03/05/2026		QuickBooks Payroll	Tax withdrawal	-85.05	37,120.99	
	03/06/2026	02062026-3		State Rev Sharing	118.18	37,239.17	
	03/06/2026	02062026-3		interest	40.12	37,279.29	
	03/06/2026	02062026-3		payroll processing	-6.00	37,273.29	
	03/06/2026	02062026-3		utilities	-126.79	37,146.50	
	03/06/2026	03062026-2		move PR tax to R&B	85.05	37,231.55	
Total for 101 Cash - Town Funds					-\$9,514.08		
102 Cash - General Asst Funds							
	Beginning Balance						129,618.69
	03/06/2026	583	DeKalb County Govt Rehab	nursing home care	-170.50	129,448.19	
	03/06/2026	02062026-3		interest	109.38	129,557.57	
Total for 102 Cash - General Asst Funds					-\$61.12		
103 Road & Bridge funds							
	Beginning Balance						15,305.13
	03/05/2026	DD	Patrick Coffey	Pay Period: 02/01/2026-02/28/2026	-367.08	14,938.05	
	03/06/2026	3747	ComEd	utilities	-308.02	14,630.03	
	03/06/2026	3749	Sycamore Truck Center	repairs 2005 Intl	-2,952.05	11,677.98	
	03/06/2026	3746	Airgas USA LLC	hazmat renewal to 2/28/2027	-287.88	11,390.10	
	03/06/2026	3748	MRR Law	legal - permit/road use agreement	-560.00	10,830.10	
	03/06/2026	3750	Twp HC of IL	dues	-85.00	10,745.10	
	03/06/2026	02062026-3		State Rev Sharing	292.13	11,037.23	
	03/06/2026	02062026-3		interest	13.48	11,050.71	
	03/06/2026	02062026-3		utilities LRS	-148.07	10,902.64	
	03/06/2026	03062026-2		payroll taxes	-85.05	10,817.59	
	03/06/2026	03062026-3		Oxcart	45.00	10,862.59	
Total for 103 Road & Bridge funds					-\$4,442.54		

104 Building & Equipment funds			
Beginning Balance			1,091.90
03/06/2026	02062026-3	interest	6.20
			<u>6.20</u>
Total for 104 Building & Equipment funds			\$6.20

105 Perm Road & Special Gravel funds			
Beginning Balance			5,842.08
03/06/2026	02062026-3	interest	6.86
			<u>6.86</u>
Total for 105 Perm Road & Special Gravel funds			\$6.86

106 Joint Bridge Funds			
Beginning Balance			4,423.43
106 03/06/2026	02062026-3	interest	3.73
			<u>3.73</u>
Total for 106 Joint Bridge Funds			\$3.73

Lisa Bergeron _____

James Hutcheson _____

Brian McQueen _____

Keith Hetland _____

Tim Gulotta _____

Clerk _____