

# Wauponsee Township Board Meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wauponsee Township of Grundy County, the State of Illinois, was held in person for the purpose of conducting normal business. Supervisor Hastings opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed immediately.

## Attendance

|                    |                |         |
|--------------------|----------------|---------|
| Trustees:          | David Benson   | Present |
|                    | Jeff Carr      | Present |
|                    | Andy Chandler  | Present |
|                    | Gary Lowery    | Present |
| Supervisor:        | Scot Hastings  | Present |
| Road Commissioner: | Bucky Phillips | Present |
| Township Clerk     | Russ Higgins   | Present |

## Residents Present

None

## Public Comment/Statements

Several trees and branches were downed with recent storm events. Road commissioner Phillips had been contacted for removal assistance. While assistance was provided to remove branches/trees from roads, the township currently does not have a location that would allow us to collect and stockpile woody materials.

## Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes for July 8<sup>th</sup> were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Chandler and seconded by Trustee Benson.

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|             | Andy Chandler | Yes |
|             | Gary Lowery   | Yes |
| Supervisor: | Scot Hastings | Yes |

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

### Approval of Claims

Road Commissioner Phillips reviewed the list of claims totaling \$386,380.32 with the Board. Expenses included payment of 2026 Blacktop services to D construction. This includes the Blacktopping half of Baker Road, School Drive, Tracy Drive, Plaza drive, Petersen Drive and Fairview Avenue. The total for 2026 blacktop projects was \$263,558.43. The other major expenses included payment on materials and labor for twin culvert installation for flood control on West Southmor Road (cumulative cost, slightly more than \$100,000). A motion was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Carr to file the claims for the Wauponsee Township Road and Bridge Fund claims for audit.

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Supervisor Hastings reviewed the claims with the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Lowery and seconded by Trustee Chandler to file the claims for the Wauponsee Township Fund for audit.

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The motion passed on a roll call vote.

## Supervisors Report

Supervisor Hastings presented the following report:  
Financial status, transactions and reconciliation of Road and Bridge, Town and General Assistance Fund. A motion was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Lowery to place the Supervisor's report on file.

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The motion passed on a roll call vote.

## Clerk's Report

Clerk Higgins shared an upcoming event and deadline.  
August 18<sup>th</sup> TOIRMA will be holding a Loss Control Meeting at the Saratoga Township Town Hall. Clerk Higgins plans to attend.  
September 26<sup>th</sup> is the final day to file the Fiscal Responsibility Report Card/Report.

A motion was made by Trustee Carr and seconded by Trustee Chandler to approve the Clerks report as presented.

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## Old Business

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### New Business

Township Supervisor Hastings shared that the Financial Report Card requirement could be met with a three-person committee financial review. The suggested compensation for the individual volunteers would be \$100. A motion was made by Trustee Benson and seconded by Trustee Chandler to authorize Supervisor Hastings to contact three qualified individuals to serve on the financial committee and upon completion compensation provide individual compensation of \$100.

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The motion passed on a roll call vote.

Road Commissioner Phillips presented a PowerPoint presentation on the West Southmor Road Culvert Construction project from start to completion for the trustees.

### Adjournment

Being no further business, Trustee Benson moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Chandler seconded the motion.

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Next Meeting

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 7:00 PM

Meeting minutes approved on Sep 9, 2026

Gary Lowery Trustee

Jeffrey Carr Trustee

Steve Arnold Trustee

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Joe Hor Supervisor

Russell Higgins Township Clerk