

Township of Hampshire



County Of Kane

State Of Illinois

Minutes

January 13, 2026

The Board of Trustees met at the Hampshire Township Administration Offices at 170 Mill Ave., Hampshire, IL on the 13th day of January 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Jody Remakel, Supervisor;
Dan Rowlett, Hwy Commissioner;
Rebecca Penkaty, Assessor;
Lori Marwig, Clerk;

Dale Drendel, Trustee;
Steven Gustafson, Trustee;
Roger Paddock, Trustee;

Also in attendance was Jennifer Abbatacola, Hampshire Township Resident.

1) Before the meeting was called to order, Trustee Paddock read the opening prayer. Roll call was then taken and all were present. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

2) Oath of Office for Assessor's new term. Clerk Marwig administered the oath of office to Assessor Penkaty.

3) Minutes. The Board reviewed the Truth in Taxation Minutes from December 9, 2025. A motion was made by Trustee Gustafson to approve the minutes as presented. The Board then reviewed the Board of Trustee Minutes from December 9, 2025. A motion was made by Trustee Drendel to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Paddock seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.

4) Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the January Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Trustee Paddock to approve the January Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Gustafson seconded the motion and it was approved by all those present. A roll call vote was taken.
Trustee Drendel Aye Supervisor Remakel Aye Trustee Gustafson Aye Trustee Gustafson Aye

5) Public Comment. Jennifer Abbatacola said we are great people and she is excited to work with us.

6) Reports

Assessor: Assessor Penkaty reported for the month of December, there were 39 sales. 18 were for new construction, 18 were for existing homes, 1 was for residential land, 1 was farm/ farmland, and 1 was industrial land. Ms. Penkaty has been busy with the end of the year cleaning up of files. She will be out taking pictures and measuring again.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Rowlett reported that the first 10 days of December felt like an eternity as they plowed and salted the roads pretty much everyday. On the 10th, the wreaths were delivered for the Wreaths Across America Day. Dan and Stan took the wreaths out to the cemeteries on the 13th. The pressure washer needed to have some work done on it. On the 17th the new chassis came in and the Township took delivery on the 22nd. The property across the street got resurveyed to make sure the lot lines are correct. From the 29th to the 31st the crew was out plowing snow and winged back drifts because of the windy conditions.

Supervisor: Supervisor Remakel reported that she finalized the Burlington bill for the 3rd quarter. They have not paid for the second quarter yet. She has sent them a reminder. She rewrote the seniors' participation guide. She has asked Terry Larson to create a vinyl for the vehicles in honor of Brian Turner.

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She reached out to his wife and she thinks Brian would have liked that. She has been cleaning up scheduleplus. 6 new tables for the multipurpose room were ordered. They are more like the tables we use for our meetings. She shared with the board the new laws that were provided from TOI.

7) Old Business.

Discussion of Memorial for Trustee Bob Becker & employee Brian Turner. She already discussed the vinyl in honor of Brian Turner. For Trustee Becker, Christine is looking into plaques for all the past members who have served Hampshire Township. Jody will also reach out to Marilyn, Bob's wife, to see if she has any ideas.

Approval of Time Off Policy. After reviewing the policy a motion was made by Trustee Gustafson to approve the time off policy. Trustee Paddock seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.

8) New Business.

Approval to appoint Jennifer Abbatacola to serve remainder of Trustee Becker's Term. Jennifer is contacting the state to verify that being on this board and the Kane County board is not a conflict of interest. If it is and she is elected to the Kane County Board, she will step down. At this time, she is honored to be considered for the trustee position. A motion was made by Trustee Gustafson to appoint Jennifer Abbatacola to serve the remainder of Trustee Becker's term. Trustee Paddock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by all those present. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Gustafson Aye Trustee Drendel Aye Trustee Paddock Aye Supervisor Remakel Aye

Clerk Administer Oath of Office for new Trustee. Clerk Marwig administered the oath of office to Trustee Abbatacola.

Approval of Hampshire Township employee policy changes to holiday and vacation. This was already taken care of in Old Business.

Approval of updated Senior Participation Guide. After reviewing the guide, a motion was made by Trustee Paddock to approve the updated Senior Participation Guide. Trustee Drendel seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.

9) Correspondence. Supervisor Remakel informed the Board that the new laws were put on the shared drive for everyone to look at. We also received the TOI scholarship application. Clerk Marwig will take it to the high school.

10) Hampshire Township Development.

Road District Development. Highway Commissioner Rowlett reported that he had the lot across the street re-surveyed. Diana from Laub Construction is going to get him some numbers on cost for a salt shed so he can begin planning this next phase.

11) Board of Trustee Comments.

Committees - 150th Anniversary. Trustee Paddock reported on everything that they have been working on. The big weekend will be June 5th-6th.

Discussion of 150th Anniversary Sponsorship Level. Supervisor Remakel informed the Board that the Township has signed up for sponsorship. We are the yellow card on the Monopoly board. The Township will be hosting an ice cream social on 6/17 possibly at the forest preserve. She then went over the questionnaire that she put together.

12) Approval of Current Bills. Invoices for the Road Fund and Town Fund were reviewed and audited by all Trustees present. A motion was made by Trustee Gustafson to pay the January bills. Trustee Paddock seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. (Warrants and signatures are attached hereto). A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Gustafson Aye Trustee Abbatacola Aye Trustee Paddock Aye Trustee Drendel Aye
Supervisor Remakel Aye

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There was an expense report for an elected official.

For Highway Commissioner Rowlett there was an expense report of \$197.40 for mileage reimbursement and \$546.00 for meal reimbursement and dues.

For Trustee Gustafson there was an expense report of \$287.00 for the mileage reimbursement to TOI Conference.

For Supervisor Remakel there was an expense report of \$22.81 for photo reimbursement.

A motion was made by Trustee Drendel to approve the expense report. Trustee Abbatacola seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Gustafson Abstain Supervisor Remakel Abstain Trustee Paddock Aye Trustee Drendel Aye
Trustee Abbatacola Aye

13) Closed Session. The Board did not need to go into closed session.

14) There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Gustafson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Paddock, and then carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:54 p.m.

Approved on:

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Marwig
Township Clerk