

Edwardsville Township Board Meeting

**Edwardsville Township Office
300 West Park Street Edwardsville, IL
7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

The in-person meeting of the Edwardsville Township Board of Trustees was called to order at the Edwardsville Township Office, 300 West Park St., Edwardsville, Illinois by Supervisor Kevin Hall at 7:00 PM CDT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Trustee Chapman

ROLL CALL: Township Trustees Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Township Highway Commissioner Picarella, Township Clerk Schwind & Township Supervisor Hall.

PRESENTATIONS: Lynette Wilson, Brown Bag Buddies

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes February 18, 2025, Meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Expenditures & List of Bills for Approval

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Motion to approve made by Trustee Chapman seconded by Trustee Haroian. Voting, "Yes," Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Madison County Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing Notice.
Madison County Circuit Clerk – February Fines Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve – Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Duame seconded by Trustee Nutsukpui Voting, “Yes,” Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, “No,” none. Motion passed.

Motion to approve – Special Event Permit New Hope Church.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Chapman seconded by Trustee Nutsukpui Voting, “Yes,” Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, “No,” none. Motion passed.

Motion to approve –Special Event Permit Habitat for Humanity.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Haroian seconded by Trustee Duame Voting, “Yes,” Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, “No,” none. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2025-R09 - Setting Meeting Dates and Location for Township Board of Edwardsville Township.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Nutsukpui seconded by Trustee Chapman. Voting, “Yes,” Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, “No,” none. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2025-R010 - Authorizing a Contract with SIUE [Town Intern].

Motion to approve made by Trustee Duame seconded by Trustee Nutsukpui. Voting, “Yes,” Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, “No,” none. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2025-R011 - Authorizing a Contract with SIUE [Park Intern].

Motion to approve made by Trustee Chapman seconded by Trustee Haroian. Voting, "Yes," Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2025-R012 - Authorizing Edwardsville Township to Expend Township Funds for Brown Bag.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Duame seconded by Trustee Haroian.

Motion to Amend Resolution No. 2025-R012 to expend Edwardsville Township Funds for Brown Bag from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Motion to approve amended motion made by Trustee Hall seconded by Trustee Chapman. Voting, "Yes," Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-R012 - Authorizing Edwardsville Township to Expend Township Funds for Brown Bag.

Motion made by Trustee Duame seconded by Trustee Haroian. Voting, "Yes," Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2025-R13 – Authorizing Supervisor to APPLY for PEP GRANT and REPAY LOAN.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Chapman seconded by Trustee Duame. Voting, "Yes," Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2025-R14 – Amending Edwardsville Township Personnel Policy.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Chapman seconded by Trustee Haroian.

Motion to amend, clarifying that FMLA and paid parental leave, run both concurrently. The amended motion by Supervisor Hall was seconded by Trustee Haroian. Voting, "Yes," Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Chapman seconded by Trustee Haroian. Voting, "Yes," Trustee Chapman, Duame, Haroian, Nutsukpui, Supervisor Hall. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

We will be having our March Lunch and Learn on Friday, March 28, 2025. This will be a "Ride and Learn" as we will be learning about Transportation in our community with Madison County Transit speaking on a bus in service as it goes from the Bus Station by the courthouse to Walmart and back.

We have received preliminary approval for the 2025 MCT Grant. We are awaiting official correspondence upon their return to the office. This grant will allow the Township to continue to provide MCT transportation resources to Edwardsville Township residents.

Statement of Economic Interest - Notification was sent via email last week. A letter will also be mailed to your home address, due May 1, 2025.

Interest in moderating the Annual Town Hall Meeting on April 8, 2025.

Dave Lipe and the Edwardsville Tigers tennis team will be hosting a kids tennis clinic on April 15, 2025, at 9 AM.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

A new employee has been employed, and we are getting ready to bring on our summer help soon.

We are in the second phase of completing the Bohm School Rd project. We did phase 1 last year completed second part this week. Thanks to Carrie Farrell for being by my side with the engineers and taking phone calls about the road.

We had another tree across communication lines during Friday's storms on Old Alton/Edwardsville Rd. We also had a big limb come down and take out service to a resident's house out on Red Bud Lane. We waited till daybreak for the safety of my guys to clean it up. The guys have been patching roads from the winter weather that created potholes.

As for the personnel policy, I did vote for the policy back when Hal was commissioner, that is what he wanted so that is what I did. There are laws that protect the commissioner from supervisors just like this. I have worked with four supervisors, and I have never witnessed what I have in the past 4 years from Mr. Hall. Illinois passed laws and in 2022 Tonya helped write my policy and in 2024 made changes. She said I did not have to pass it with the board. Fred Shulte had a building fund set up with \$690,000 where is all that, on solar?

This place is in shambles, the park is a mess. I would like it to be on the record that there needs to be a forensic audit done over the past 4 years. I have FIOA grants and have not received information and had to then FIOA the County to get actual grant information.

ASSESSORS' COMMENTS: None

OTHER COMMENTS:

Comments by Trustee Nutsukpui.

I would like to take a moment to clarify some important points regarding our last meeting on February 18, 2025, and to ensure that the record reflects the facts accurately.

During that meeting, Trustee Haroian brought forward a resolution for deliberation and vote. The resolution was focused on overload compensation. For the record, overload compensation refers to extra pay for employees who are working beyond their regular contracted workload for an extended period. This is a standard practice that recognizes the additional time and effort put in by employees who take on more than is outlined in their contracts.

However, throughout the meeting, Supervisor Hall repeatedly referred to the resolution as "stress payment." I would like to clarify that this resolution was never intended to be about stress payment. It was specifically about overload compensation, which is a fair and reasonable solution for employees who are taking on additional duties for prolonged periods. I applaud Trustee for recognizing a discrepancy and trying to fix it.

Additionally, Supervisor Hall raised concerns that this resolution would violate Township laws. I want to make it clear that this resolution was not aimed at adjusting the compensation for employees in the office of the Supervisor, nor was it intended to change the salary structure. Instead, it was meant to address an unfair situation in which an employee had been assuming a double role with responsibilities beyond their normal scope for an extended period. This is a matter of fairness and proper recognition of the additional work being done.

While it is natural for us to have disagreements on issues, it is essential that we remain respectful towards each other in our discussions. Disagreement is healthy and part of the decision-making process, but dismissiveness or condescension toward a colleague is not acceptable. At the end of the day, we are all here to serve the people, and we can and should disagree in a respectful and professional manner.

Thank you for your attention to these points, and I look forward to continuing our work together in the spirit of collaboration and respect till the end of our term.

Comments by Township Clerk, Dave Schwind.

With the Consolidated Election, April will be a transition month. The list of Usernames and Passwords, and the instructions for setting thermostats in the building need to be provided to Administrator, Andrey Ayers by Supervisor, Kevin Hall. The thermostat has been set at 69F, cannot be changed, and is too low. I recently spent several days in the building catching up on signing check vouchers because of knee replacement surgery and have had to wear gloves and run hot water over my hands to warm up. I also observed employees wearing coats and sweaters in the office because of the thermostat setting.

Question from Trustee Haroian:

What is the status of the solar rebates for the Township office building? Supervisor Hall noted that the building was not "live" yet, however it is expected to be in the next week. It will take 18 months of monitoring usage before data can be submitted. It is the same situation at the Township Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the board, Trustee Chapman made a motion, Seconded by Trustee Nutsukpui, adjourned at 7:55 PM CDT. Next meet will be Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM CDT at the Edwardsville Township Office, 300 West Park St., Edwardsville, Illinois.