



Edwardsville Township Board Meeting Minutes
Edwardsville Township Hall
300 West Park Street Edwardsville, IL
7:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 18, 2026
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The in-person meeting of the Edwardsville Township Board of Trustees was called to order at the Edwardsville Township Hall, 300 West Park St., Edwardsville, Illinois by Supervisor Janet Haroian at 7:00 P.M. CDT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Trustee Cochrell

ROLL CALL: Township Trustees Bethany Behrhorst, Yolanda Crochrell, Mandy Darr, Township Highway Commissioner Danny Piccarella, Township Assessor Jennifer Hegel, Township Clerk Dave Schwind, and Supervisor Janet Haroian were present. Trustee Dan Rees and Edwardsville Township Attorney Tonya Genovese were absent.

PRESENTATIONS: Susan Schueler, Glen Ed Pantry

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Those making public comments:

Beth McMahon

Mindy Cory

Karrington Bostick

Aiden Kirk

Will Wolfe

Maggie Popp

Danny Picarella

AGENDA:

Approval of the Consent Agenda: and Approval of the Expenditures of the List of Bills, Minutes of July 21, 2026, Meeting. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes:

Motion to approve by Trustee Crochrell, seconded by Trustee Behrhorst. Voting, “Yes,” Trustees Behrhorst, Crochrell, Darr, Supervisor Haroian. Voting, “No,” none. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 2026–R18 – A Resolution Authorizing a Service Agreement with the Glen Ed Pantry to provide funds for the Glen - Ed Pantry’s Back to School Event: Motion to approve made by Trustee Darr, seconded by Trustee Crochrell. Voting, “Yes,” Trustees Behrhorst, Crochrell, Darr, Supervisor Haroian. Voting, “No,” none. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Since the LIHEAP program was extended to August 14th, the Community Outreach Director processed thirty-five applications. She also processed 13 SHIP appointments and distributed 80 Farmer’s Market vouchers through our office and her time spent at Main Street Community Center. Currently there are two active General Assistance program recipients.

The Annual Audit report covering April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, has been submitted to our office in DRAFT form for review and comments. It is also being reviewed by the audit contractor principals before a final copy will be provided for distribution.

Habitat for Humanity has placed an equipment storage trailer on the former township parcel of property on Crane Street and electrical service has been run to their site. We should see more activity soon.

Edwardsville Futures was an enormous success despite the heat and heavy rain events. The Township was recognized several times in their public relations materials and in interviews held with tennis podcasters and the press. I was fortunate to do the initial coin-toss on our sponsored Fan Appreciation Day before the rain delayed the activities. The Township proviseveral of the commemorative “coins” from the re-dedication of the airplane at Township Park for the coin-tosses for the finals.

The Edwardsville Rotary Criterium was held this past Saturday in City Park and around the downtown area. The Township's bicycle safety tent was well received, and SSM Health Services provided the helmet fittings as we gave out helmets, knee and elbow pads, bike bells and horns, reflectors, books, and treats. SSM also provided material giveaways to compliment the cycling theme. There were not as many helmets distributed as we had anticipated so they will be retained for next year. We were all in agreement that the heat index forecast is what kept some people away although this year the venue was shaded and more comfortable than the parking lot used in years past for the Kids Zone. I want to thank our township staff that did all the prep work in advance and provided the manpower at the event. Bravo to a job well done!!

Touch-A-Truck is fast approaching and is our signature event at the Park. As of now, we have two helicopters slated to appear, multiple vehicles will be on display, several food vendors are lined up and we are seeking a few more, business sponsorships have come in and kids' activities are set with the Edwardsville Arts Center. We will be contracting with Main Street Community Center for the use of their shuttle bus to serve patrons parking at Edwardsville High School the day of the event. Remember that we have a welcoming contingent of Trustees and me greeting the patrons when they enter the park. Please let Andreyka know if you will be present to volunteer in that capacity. It is on Saturday, September 12th. All park staff will be working on the event, and the park will close for cleaning and reset after the event for activities/rentals on Sunday.

I have sent another communication to the building architect, contractor and our attorney about the drainage issues and will keep you informed when things move off dead center.

The City of Edwardsville council meeting is this evening, and we will hear from them shortly if there is still interest in constructing a skate park and mini pitch on township property.

Just as I did last month, I will read Park Superintendent's monthly report, and it will be attached in the minutes. As you have received correspondence and heard from community members that have recently visited township park, there continues to be an increased level of social media activity regarding the park. As township trustees and supervisors, we all have an interest in keeping the park accessible and welcoming to all residents who spend time there. Trustee Behrhorst has suggested resurrecting a Park Committee that had been in place many years ago. The purpose of the committee was to periodically review policies, rental rates, and specific needs for physical improvements for the park infrastructure. The Park rules, regulations, and reservation information is all on the township website under the PARK dropdown link and it is posted in the park as well. This committee could also make recommendations to the Supervisor and trustees regarding grant funds and applications to help make improvements possible.

Considering the concerns voiced recently, I will re-establish the park committee. Trustee Behrhorst has offered to serve along with the park superintendent, and I will appoint a few other community representatives to round out the interests. I have confirmed with legal counsel that multiple trustees/elected officials can serve without violating the Open Meetings Act by posting public meeting notices and keeping minutes of the committee meeting. If you have interest in serving in this capacity, please let me know asap.

We had processing problems with Sage, our accounting system, which delayed the production of the first quarter financial report that I had promised last month. Staff had to reconstruct a significant amount of account activity back to late April and May. The report is on your desk tonight.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Baxmeyer Construction was the lowest bidder for the Mont Rd. project. We will have a meeting about when we get the job started.

The guys have been mowing ROWs again.

We are preparing for oil and chipping.

The small pavilions are on a first-come first-served basis.

ASSESSORS' COMMENTS:

I will not be attending next month's meeting, as I will be traveling to Peoria with Jess for school. Jess and I are working to stay on top of building permits, as Angie, our building permit coordinator, has accepted another opportunity and is no longer with us.

We will begin the search for a replacement once we return from school.

The Board of Review deadline was yesterday, the 17th. So far, we have received 109 appeals, and additional appeals are still coming in.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Semi – Annual Review of the Executive Session Minutes

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Trustee Behrhorst, seconded by Trustee Crochrell. Voting, "Yes," Trustees Behrhorst, Crochrell, Darr, Supervisor Haroian. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

Motion to exit Executive Session made by Trustee Cochrell, seconded by Trustee Darr. Voting, "Yes," Trustees Behrhorst, Crochrell, Darr, Supervisor Haroian. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

ACTION ON ITEMS IN CLOSED SESSION:

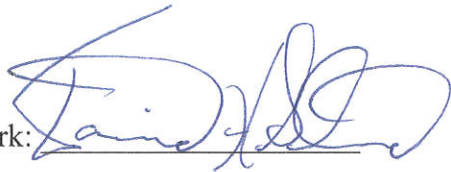
Motion to approve made by Trustee Behrhorst, seconded by Trustee Crochrell. Voting, "Yes," Trustees Behrhorst, Crochrell, Darr, Supervisor Haroian. Voting, "No," none. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the board, Trustee Cochrell made a motion, Seconded by Trustee Behrhorst, adjourned at 8:05 P.M. CDT.

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. CDT** at the Edwardsville Township Hall, 300 West Park St., Edwardsville, Illinois.

Town Clerk:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Laine H. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.

Date:

09-15-2026