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June 29, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – Approved

Call to Order/Roll Call - The June 29, 2026, South Rock Island Township Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Supervisor Grace Shirk.

Elected Officials Present:

- Supervisor Grace Shirk, Clerk KJ Whitley, Trustees – Bill Sowards, Diana Hebbeln, Jonah Sallows-Hines, and Assessor Nichole Parker

Elected Officials Absent:

- Trustee – Chris Elsberg,

Approval of the Agenda - Sowards moved, and Sallows-Hines seconded, to approve the **June 29, 2026** South Rock Island Township agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Hebbeln moved, and Sallows-Hines seconded, to approve the **May 18, 2026** South Rock Island Township Board meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of “Special” Meeting Minutes – Hebbeln moved, and Shirk seconded, to approve the **June 5, 2026** South Rock Island Township “Special” Board meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Reports

Supervisor's Report (Record) – Shirk reported on the upcoming America 250 Celebration, scheduled for July 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. She advised that the Township office would be closed on July 2 and July 3 in observance of the Independence Day event and holiday. Shirk reminded Board members to submit their annual sexual harassment training certificates if they had not already done so. She also reported that the Township's Kids Camp is scheduled for July 20–24, 2026.

Clerk's Report (Record) – Whitley reported that no FOIA requests had been received since the last meeting. She noted that the April 2026 meeting minutes had been posted to the Township website, she completed the required 2026 sexual harassment training and submitted her certificate to the Township Supervisor, and her Township Outlook email account (kjwhitley@sritownship.net) has been successfully established and is functioning properly.

Assessor's Report (Record) – Parker reported that 609 Senior Freeze Exemptions have been processed to date. She also advised that staff is preparing birthday cards for Township residents who will turn 65 this year.

General/Emergency Assistance Report (Record) - The **May 2026 Client/Public/Senior Citizen Report** was provided with the agenda.

Treasurer's Report and Authorization of Bills and Transfers (Record) – The Treasurer's Report for **May 2026** was presented and placed on record. The Township Board audited the **May 2026** Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and claims, which were also placed on record. **Sallows-Hines** moved, seconded by **Hebbeln**, to authorize payment of the Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and transfers totaling **\$153,145.93**. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Sowards, Sallows-Hines, Shirk, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Action on Certificate of Deposit (CD) – Gas & Electric Credit Union – Following discussion, **Sowards** moved, seconded by **Hebbeln**, to authorize South Rock Island Township to open an account with Gas & Electric Credit Union and purchase a \$300,000 Certificate of Deposit (CD). Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

New Business – Donations

Youth Hope Camp Summit – **Shirk** moved, seconded by **Sowards**, to provide \$600 in support of the Youth Hope Camp Summit by funding two camp scholarships (one boy and one girl). The motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-0, with Ayes from Sowards, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln, and no Nays. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Hebbeln shared information from a recent regional report outlining a strategy to reduce unsheltered homelessness in the Quad Cities. The report, developed following an April summit of nonprofit organizations, community leaders, and private-sector representatives, presents a coordinated roadmap to help more than 1,500 adults and families avoid or exit homelessness each year. Phase One of the initiative calls for approximately \$8.9 million over two years to support housing interventions, family stabilization, and related services.

The Board held a robust discussion on the report and the community's response to homelessness. The general consensus was that support should focus on wraparound services that promote long-term stability and self-sufficiency, rather than solely funding temporary lodging. Board members emphasized the importance of providing resources, guidance, and support that help individuals build confidence, achieve milestones, and successfully transition to stable housing.

Adjournment

Shirk moved to adjourn the meeting at **5:02pm** and the motion was seconded by **Sowards**. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next SRIT Board meeting is scheduled for Monday ,July 27, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

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Date