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July 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – Approved

Call to Order/Roll Call - The July 27, 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 – Chris Elsberg, Diana Hebbeln, Jonah Sallows-Hines, and Assessor Nichole Parker

Elected Officials Absent:

- Trustee – Bill Sowards

Others: Present:

- Rock Island Library Marketing Manager and Publicity/Outreach Liaison – Lisa Lockheart

Approval of the Agenda - Hebbeln moved, and Elsberg seconded, to approve the **July 27, 2026** South Rock Island Township agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Hebbeln moved, and Sallows-Hines seconded, to approve the **June 29, 2026** South Rock Island Township Board meeting minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Reports

Supervisor's Report (Record) – Shirk reported that approximately 325 people attended the Township celebration. She provided the Board with a courtesy copy of the Township's recently opened six-month certificate of deposit with Gas & Electric Credit Union and advised that the SRTI audit is scheduled for August 6, 2026, with Township residents Vicki Hess, Janette Creger, and Kevin Koski participating.

Shirk also reported that she is gathering information from Metronet regarding internet and telephone service options for the Township, including pricing and potential cost savings. She will follow up with the Board once additional information is available.

Shirk discussed an opportunity for the Township to sponsor one evening of the Rock Island Parks & Recreation Thursday Night Groove Concert Series for \$500 as part of its community outreach efforts. Following discussion, the Board reached a consensus to proceed with the sponsorship. The sponsorship includes recognition of the Township during the event and an opportunity for the Township to provide a brief announcement or message to attendees.

Clerk's Report (Record) – Whitley reported that no FOIA requests had been received since the last meeting. She noted that the May 18, 2026, meeting minutes and the June 5, 2026, special meeting minutes had been posted to the Township website. Whitley also reported that she attended the 2026 Township Officials of Illinois Training with Supervisor Shirk and Trustee Hebbeln at Bally's.

Assessor's Report (Record) – Parker reported that 684 Senior Freeze Exemptions have been processed to date. She also advised that staff prepared and mailed 84 birthday cards to Township residents who will turn 65 this year.

General/Emergency Assistance Report (Record) - The **June 2026 Client/Public/Senior Citizen Report** was provided with the agenda. **Shirk** also advised that, due to lower usage, the Township will reduce the number of monthly MetroLINK bus passes purchased in advance. When a monthly pass is needed and available, MetroLINK can arrange for the pass to be delivered to the Township that day or the next business day, or the applicant may obtain the pass directly from MetroLINK.

Treasurer's Report and Authorization of Bills and Transfers (Record) – The Treasurer's Report for **June 2026** was presented and placed on record. The Township Board audited the **June 2026** Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and claims, which were also placed on record. moved, seconded by **Elsberg**, to authorize payment of the Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and transfers totaling **\$380,491.44**. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Elsberg, Sallows-Hines, Shirk, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Rock Island Labor Day Parade Sponsorship: Rock Island Labor Day Parade Sponsorship: Following discussion, **Elsberg** moved, seconded by **Sallows-Hines**, to approve sponsorship of two bands for the **2026 Rock Island Labor Day Parade**, in an amount not to exceed **\$500**, as part of a proposed joint sponsorship with Rock Island Township. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln), 0 Nays. Motion carried. It was noted that Rock Island Township would consider a matching sponsorship contribution at its Board meeting.

Donations

Rock Island High School 2026 Campaign for Excellence – **Elsberg** moved, seconded by **Hebbeln**, to approve a **\$1,000 Partner-Level donation** in support of the Rock Island High School 2026 Campaign for Excellence. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (**Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln**), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Alleman Catholic High School – 2026–2027 Athletic Sponsorship – **Shirk** moved, seconded by **Sowards**, to approve a **\$1,000 sponsorship** at the **Don Morris Gym and/or Athletic Complex level** for the 2026–2027 school year. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (**Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln**), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Rock Island Public Library – Following a presentation by **Lisa Lockheart**, **Hebbeln** moved, seconded by **Sallows-Hines**, to approve a **\$1,200 Silver-Level donation** in support of the Library's **2nd Annual Barnyard Book Bash and Petting Zoo**, scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Longview Park. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes (**Elsberg, Shirk, Sallows-Hines, and Hebbeln**), 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Public Comments - None

Adjournment

Elsberg moved to adjourn the meeting at **4:45pm** and the motion was seconded by **Shirk**. Voice vote, motion carried.

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Next Meeting

The next SRIT Board meeting is scheduled for Monday ,August 31, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

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Date