

South Moline Township Board of Trustees meeting
Monday, July 21, 2025
Minutes taken by Trustee Griffith

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. Trustees present: Griffith, Lambrecht, Rivera; Supervisor Aguilar; Road Commissioner Moreno. Also present General Assistance caseworker Amy Roberts. Guests: Steve Glenn, Cathy Jordan-Project NOW, Greg Vogele-current Rose Lawn Cemetery Manager, Eric Griffith
- II. Pledge of Allegiance recited
- III. Motion made by Griffith to approve the minutes of the last meeting, second by Lambrecht. Motion carries.
- IV. Report from Road Commissioner that consideration is being made as to how and where to build out safe office space. Bids are being put out for new equipment as discussed at the last meeting. Staff is steadily replacing culverts. One culvert is repeatedly blocked by beaver activity and the Commissioner will contact the DNR to find a solution.
- V. General Assistance report given by Amy Roberts. \$1028.48 was given for food, \$338.66 was used for Personal Essentials which might include items such as work shoes, belt, etc., and \$1724.00 was used for rent. \$105 was used for work readiness including bus passes and photo ID. Ms. Roberts stated that she is seeing an increased request for people's unmet needs, particularly among single men.
- VI. -Cathy Jordan of Project NOW discussed the numerous programs implemented by the agency. The focus of tonight's discussion was on domestic violence and what services are provided and still needed. Trustee Lambrecht stated he sees a benefit in SMT partnering with Project NOW to help domestic violence victims in SMT. Lambrecht moves that SMT use \$6000 from Community Outreach funds to give to Project NOW to help domestic violence victims in SMT. Griffith seconds. Cathy Jordan states that she will see that the funds are earmarked only for SMT residents. Motion carries.
-Nina Pena Boxing, a 501C3 organization located in SMT, provides education, discipline, training, and competition to youth. A youth will not be turned away if they do not have the funds. Trustee Rivera proposes giving \$2000 to Nina Pena Boxing to help outfit youth with the necessary items such as gloves and shoes for residents of SMT. Second by Lambrecht, Rivera abstains from the vote due to his involvement with the organization. Motion carries.
-Rose Lawn Cemetery-presented by Greg Vogele, current manager of said cemetery. Rose Lawn Cemetery is located in SMT and is currently in receivership with the Illinois Comptroller's Office, due to criminal activity of the previous manager. Mr. Vogele was hired 16 years ago to correct the activity at the cemetery. Mr. Vogele plans to retire which then requires some other entity to manage the cemetery. SMT is one possibility; the City of Moline has also been considered. Supervisor Aguilar outlined the advantages of SMT

taking on responsibility for this property. There are still up to 12,000 possible gravesites, of which 6,202 have been platted. SMT has the knowledge necessary to take this on. It would require a special meeting of SMT residents to vote in favor of this. The first motion presented by Trustee Lambrecht was to approve accepting responsibility for Rose Lawn and to set a special meeting. Second by Rivera. Discussion ensued and some felt it was premature to set a special meeting without more information from the City of Moline and the Comptroller's Office. Motion amended to SMT to further study the considerations in taking on the cemetery, amended motion seconded by Rivera. Motion carries with one nay vote.

- Supervisor Aguilar encourages board to attend the TOI training which will be held locally at Bally's on August 8, 2025.

VII. Unfinished business- Approval of proposed budget for 2025-2026, motion made by Lambrecht, second by Rivera, motion carries.

-Odoni Audit presented to the Board. Supervisor Aguilar noticed one error which will need to be corrected by the company. Due to the slowness of Odoni, the township is considering switching to Baker Tilley, which the County Board uses.

-Anyone who has not yet completed the FOIA/Open Meetings training needs to do so asap and get the certificate to the supervisor.

VIII. Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

IX. Motion to approve claims by acclamation made by Moreno, second by Lambrecht. Motion carries.

X. No public comments

XI. Motion to adjourn by Griffith, second by Lambrecht. Motion carries. Meeting adjourns at 6:50 p.m.