

May 2025 – May 2029 TERM

Josh Bohnenstiehl - Supervisor
Robert Helms - Highway
Commissioner
Kathy Long - Clerk

Tanner Alexander – Trustee
Seth Joy – Trustee
Jack Mitchell - Trustee
Dennis Mueller - Trustee

January 15, 2026 – MINUTES - Regular Meeting of the Township Board 3700 Tosovsky Lane, Edwardsville, IL 62025

1. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call – Josh Bohnenstiehl, Robert Helms, Tanner Alexander, Seth Joy, Jack Mitchell, Dennis Mueller, and Kathy Long were present.
4. Guests in attendance – James Arnold (City of Edwardsville), S.J. Morrison (Madison County Transit) and his son Shaffer, Charlene Mitchell, and Randy Long.
5. Minutes from December 18, 2025, were read by the clerk. *Tanner made a motion to accept the monthly minutes. Seth seconded. The December 2025 meeting minutes were approved by the board.*
6. No public comments were presented.
7. Treasurer’s Report – Josh presented a list of all accounts and CDs with current balances listed. Board discussion followed. *Seth made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented by the Supervisor. Jack seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the treasurer’s report.*
8. Township and Road District Bills were reviewed by the Trustees and approved for payment.

9. **REPORTS**

A. Supervisor’s Report - Josh Bohnenstiehl

- 1) Audit Update – to be completed Summer 2026
 - 2) Federal and State Taxes – working with the auditors on electronic filing.
 - 3) Comptroller’s Report – on hold until audits are completed in Summer 2026.
- Seth made a motion to accept the Supervisor report. Dennis seconded. Supervisor’s report was approved by the board.*

B. Highway Commissioner’s Report - Robert Helms

- 1) Roads – ditching and taking down some trees in Goshen bottoms and Stille Cemetery.

- 2) Equipment – an inventory update has been completed for TORIMA.
- 3) Hosto Bridge – no update
- 4) New Goshen Road Subdivision is going through the planning process. An update on requirements was discussed. A new layout for the subdivision is being submitted.
- 5) RAISE grant (Goshen Road) lowered the request by \$90,000.00. The committee was asked to take out the charging stations, and it has been resubmitted.
- 7) Timber Ridge Subdivision – nothing at this time.
- 6) EPA Inspection – no reply to date.

Seth made a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. Tanner seconded. The Commissioner's report was approved by the board.

- C. Legal Report – A note was received from Mr. Lading regarding the Annual Sexual Harassment and Cyber Security Training requirements.
- D. Clerk's Report –
 - 1) Tax Levy confirmations have been reviewed, signed and submitted to Madison County Clerk's office.
 - 2) Law and Duty Handbooks were ordered and distributed to all board members.
- E. Cemetery Report – Randy Long – Several tree limbs were down at Bartlett Cemetery and the road crew cleaned up the debris. Thank you for the great job. In the past, we have sent John Stille a check for maintenance on the cemetery located on his property. Robert reported that a tree was removed from his property by the road crew and John was very satisfied with the compensation.
- G. Rental Manager's Report – no update.
- F. Trustees Report – no additional report.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Property Maintenance / Building Use – everything seems to be functioning.
- B. Pin Oak Township Webpage (www.pinoaktownship.org) - up to date.
- C. Office Equipment, QuickBooks, Recordkeeping – clerk purchased some minor office supplies.
- D. Potential Property purchase – Let the board know if any prospective property becomes available.
- E. Gateway Enterprise Zone – James thanked us for passing our resolution to participate in the Gateway Enterprise Zone proposal. It should be approved by September 2026.

F. Busey Bank Charges and RFPs – Tanner stated that Busey merged with another business out of Kansas City and some charges are being added. He is still working on the RFPs.

G. No other Old Business was discussed.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. MCT Micro Map Zone – S.J. Morrison presentation – Madison County Transit (MCT) not part of County Government. Currently there are 17 townships participating. Marine Township joined recently. There is potential for fixed bus services in our area to places such as Anderson Hospital, the YMCA, and such. Information on Steps for Annexing a Township into Transit District was distributed. A ¼ cent retail sales tax, charged to businesses within the township, funds MCT. If you shop in surrounding areas, the sales tax is already being collected by customers (green townships). Elderly and disabled residents benefit the most. ¼ cent should remain indefinitely. MCT would start with para-transit service, but would not be available to all of Pin Oak immediately. Bethalto/Cottage Hills, Collinsville/Maryville, Edwardsville are included in the service areas. Discussion followed by the board and visitors.

Seth made a motion to approve a resolution to apply to the Madison County Transit (MCT) service in Pin Oak Township. Tanner seconded. Motion approved by all board members.

B. Annual Town Meeting Agenda Items –

- 1) Meeting dates for 2027-2028
- 2) Website update
- 3) Shred Date
- 4) MCT announcement
- 5) Hosto Bridge,
- 6) Projects in Pin Oak - New Goshen Subdivision, Update on Goshen Road.
- 7) Charlene mentioned that the Senior Citizens group is dwindling. Pin Oak residency is not required. How can we help them get more members?

C. Sexual Harassment and Cyber Security Training – Websites were provided in advance. Booklets with presentation training were distributed at the meeting. Board members are to complete the training and submit their certification to the clerk to file in the township records.

D. Next meeting date is February 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

E. Tanner mentioned there are data centers that may be interested in the Pin Oak area. Seth stated that a lot of acreage, power, and water is needed to run the facilities. If we hear any information, let the board know.

F. No other New Business was discussed.

12. Executive Session was requested by Josh.

13. *Dennis made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting. Tanner seconded. The board approved and the January meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Kathy L. Long, Clerk