

(COUNTY OF MACON)  
(TOWN OF DECATUR)  
(STATE OF ILLINOIS)

September 4, 2025

The meeting of the Town Board of Trustees in and for the Town of Decatur, County of Macon, State of Illinois, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor Susan Tulak, in the Decatur Township Community Room, Upper Level, at the Decatur Township Office Building, 1620 S. Taylorville Rd., Decatur, Illinois upon the request of the Supervisor Susan Tulak this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, forty-eight hours' notice have been given to each member of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Michael Smith	present
Trustee Michael Damery	present
Trustee Amy Rueff	present
Trustee Devon Joyner	present
Supervisor Susan Tulak	present

Also, present Assessor, Vicki Sheets, Road Commissioner, Gary Brennan, and members of the public.

Clerk Owens reports that no one signed in for public comments.

Supervisor Tulak asks for a motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes of July 3, 2025. Trustee Rueff made the motion to approve the Minutes and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Michael Damery	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes and the Board Minutes of July 3, 2025 are approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Tulak asks for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$329, 735.41 and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

<b><u>Town Fund</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 203,366.39</u></b>
<b><u>Cemetery Reconstruction Fund</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,169.50</u></b>
<b><u>Cemetery Fund</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 77,969.05</u></b>
<b><u>Road &amp; Bridge</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,016.23</u></b>
<b><u>Liability Fund (TOIRMA)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>
<b><u>General Assistance Administration Fund</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 16,021.29</u></b>
<b><u>General Assistance Program Fund</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 30,192.95</u></b>

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Michael Damery	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes and the **Treasurer's Report** in the amount of \$329,735.41 is approved.

**Approval of June and July 2025 Audits:** Trustee made the motion to approve June's Audits and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Michael Damery	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried with 5 yes votes and the Audit is approved.

**New Business: Presentation by Sikich Audit for the Town's Fiscal year 2025:** Chad Lucas, CPA reports SIKICK LLP Auditors completed the Decatur Township financial statements for each major funds. There were no irregularities found in all seven funds, Town Fund, Cemetery Fund, General Assistance Fund, Insurance Fund, Social Security Fund, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and Road & Bridge Fund. They are performing well. Further, the Township belongs to (TOIRMA) Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association for protection against loss associated with Workers' Compensation, comprehensive general liability, inland marine, automobile physical damage, and property loss. Also, the Township participates in a Local Government Health Plan for health insurance and a defined benefit pension plan, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF. The Board of Trustees have been provided with a booklet with any suggested changes. Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the Town's 2025 Annual Audit provided by SIKICH Certified Public Accounts & Advisors and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Michael Damery	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried with 5 yes votes and the 2025 Annual Audits from SIKICH LLC. is approved.

**Approval of Utility Easement for City of Decatur Water Main Project:** Supervisor Tulak made the motion to approve the City of Decatur Water Main Project and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Michael Damery	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes to approve the Water Main Project.

**Discussion/Action on Union Contract between (AFSCME) American Federation of State County Municipal Employees Council 31 and Decatur Township General Assistance Employees:** Supervisor Tulak states there is a Tentative agreement and will be discussed in Closed Session.

**Old Business: None**

**Cemetery Business:** Cemetery Trustee Chairman, Bruce reports the Tractor involved in an accident at Greenwood Cemetery have been replaced. And the leak at the in the Cemetery House at Greenwood has been repaired. Further, the Cemetery had a meeting on 9/3/2025, at 5:00 p.m. and the Laborers continues to do an excellent job.

**Assessor Business:** Assessor Sheets reports everything is going well in the Assessor's Office. The staff are waiting for the County to open the taxpayer appeals process. Also, staff continue working in the field and assisting Macon County Tax Assessors with back-up work. Sheets thanked the board for allowing the Kiwanis Club to meet in the Community Room on Thursday's.

**Road Commissioner Business:** Commissioner Brennan reports he is expecting two large bills to be submitted for road work on Olive, James , and Logan for Chipping & Oiling.

**General Assistance Business/ Outreach :** Supervisor Tulak reports 65 clients are being serviced.

Trustee Joyner made the motion to enter Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2 (c ) ( 2 ) – Collective Negotiating matters and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. **Supervisor Tulak announced action will be taken when the board returns to Open Session.** A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Michael Damery	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes and the board is in **Closed Session**.

Trustee Joyner made the motion to return to **Open Session** and Trustee Damery seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Michael Damery	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes and the board is back in **Open Session**.

Trustee Rueff made the motion to approve the **Tentative Contract** between AFSCME ( American Federation of State County and Municipal Employee Union, Council 31) and Decatur Township General Assistance Employees and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Michael Damery	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes and the Tentative Contract is approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn, and Trustee Damery seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Michael Damery	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes and the Board meeting adjourns at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Town Clerk, Ada Owens