

TOWNSHIP OF ORLAND

Minutes - Township Board of Trustees



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Clerk

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Lena Matariyeh
Kenneth Soltis
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May 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor O'Grady.

Supervisor O'Grady, Clerk Olson, Trustees Duffy, Matariyeh, Soltis, Williams, Executive Administrator Amy Haddad, and Attorney Luanne Galovich of Del Galdo Law Group, LLC. were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk's Report:

Clerk Olson informed everyone that the 2026-27 budgets for Road and Bridge, General Assistance and Town Fund were available for viewing in her office from now until June 15.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and the Closed Session meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees for April 20, 2026, the Special Meeting minutes from April 23, 2026, and the Special Meeting minutes of May 4, 2026, was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Duffy. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

Presentations:

a. Pastor Chad from Parkview Church presented the Orland Township Food Pantry with a \$10,000 donation in honor of Parkview's 75th Anniversary.

b. Ampion Solar presentation. Ampion provides solar power as a credit on electric bills. Solar Farms are used. The credit on your electric bill would take about 6 months to appear. There is no cost to join or exit. No liability involved. The Township would get \$100 per new subscriber. Board questions were answered.

c. DBC Gifts of Love presentation: This is a grant funded education series for ages 55+. There are 3 classes offered: Intro to Basics, Staying Safe from Scams and Fraud, and Smart Phone basics. They would come to the Township to teach these classes.

Public Comments:

Ron and Chris Basik- spoke about construction in their neighborhood. They also spoke about annexation.

Sharon Pepper- spoke about the Hire back Program.

Pat Powers- spoke about roads in unincorporated Orland Township.

Karne Gordon- spoke about roads and the road budget.

James McCapin- spoke about Alpine Heights and requested a maintenance agreement.

Mike Scoffield- spoke about how we do need Townships or our taxes would climb higher. Also suggested getting a committee together for the unincorporated residents.

Reports:

Supervisor O'Grady spoke about the Hire Back Program, Annual Town Meeting notification, and passed around a notebook to gather names and email addresses to get a petition going to hold a Special Town Meeting.

Trustee Soltis- Submitted the Health Services Report and mentioned the Senior Health Fair that would be occurring the next day. Also, the immunization clinic happening the next day.

Trustee Duffy- Talked about CERT being chosen to assist the TSA at Midway Airport for training of their staff. They will also be helping at the ½ marathon on June 7. He spoke about his desire to assist the Village of Orland Park with their events. He then spoke about our contract with Everbridge and their capability to notify constituents about events and emergencies. This program will start soon.

Trustee Matariyeh- submitted the Youth and Family Services report. She mentioned that the Minds Matter event has been rescheduled to fall. She also mentioned that we are giving 12 scholarships out this year to deserving students through the Orland Township Scholarship program.

Trustee Williams- no report.

New Business:

a. A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with DBC Gifts of Love to provide Senior internet and Phone Safety classes to Orland Township senior residents was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Williams. Roll call was taken.

Aya 5 Nay 0

b. A motion to approve a partnership with Ampion to provide solar power to Orland Township residents was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. Discussion occurred. A superseding motion to table this matter was made by Supervisor O'Grady and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. Roll Call was taken.

Aye 3 (Matariyeh, Williams, O'Grady)

Nay 2 (Duffy, Soltis)

Motion to table passes.

c. A motion to give hiring and firing power to the Executive Administrator for employees making \$40,000 or less after prior notification of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Soltis. Discussion occurred. A superseding motion to table this matter was made by Supervisor O'Grady and seconded by Trustee Williams. Roll call was taken.

Aye 3 (Trustees Matariyeh, Williams and Supervisor O'Grady)
Nay 2 (Trustees Duffy and Soltis)
Motion to table passes.

d. A motion to enter into an agreement with GW & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, to conduct an audit of all town funds for the fiscal year 2025-2026 to ensure compliance with generally accepted accounting standards was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Williams. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

e. A motion to award the Bid for Landscaping to Beary Landscaping as the lowest qualified bidder was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Soltis. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

f. A motion to amend the hiring of Joshua Vincent to create Township News Videos at the rate of \$250 for 1 video a month to add an addition video at \$250 per month as approved by 3 board members was made by Trustee Matariyeh and seconded by Supervisor O'Grady. Roll Call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

A motion to approve the above amended motion was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Williams. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

g. A motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Orland Park and the Orland Township Highway Department regarding fueling of Orland Township Highway Department Motor Vehicles was made by Trustee Matariyeh and seconded by Supervisor O'Grady. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

h. A motion to approve the updated Senior Transportation cancelation policy as presented was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

i. Discussion of appointing Trustee Duffy to Senior Services Chair. Supervisor O'Grady would also like to be chair. Trustee Duffy is co-chair of finances. Supervisor O'Grady is co-chair of finances and supervisor of General Assistance. Trustee Duffy would like to be chair of Senior Services as that is the department he asked for at the beginning of his term. Supervisor O'Grady would like to be chair because he has a good repour with the Seniors.

A motion to appoint Trustee Duffy to Senior Services Chair was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Soltis. Roll call was taken.

Aye 2 (Trustees Duffy and Soltis)

Nay 3 (Trustees Matariyeh, Williams, and Supervisor O'Grady)

Motion fails.

A motion to appoint Supervisor O'Grady as Chair of Senior Services was made by Supervisor O'Grady and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. Roll call was taken.
Aye 3 (Trustees Matariyeh, Williams and Supervisor O'Grady)
Nay 2 (Trustees Duffy and Soltis)
Motion passes

j. A motion to dissolve the following inactive Orland Township committees and chairmanships that have not convened in years and have no voting committee members, unless committees and periodic OMA compliant meetings are formed and convened within 90 days of this vote: Health Services, Senior Services, Youth and Family Services was made by Trustee Williams. There was no second.
Motion fails.

k. No motion was made to approve the Programmatic & Financial Reporting Protocol as presented. Fails.

l. A motion to repeal the passed motion for an RFQ for a forensic audit from October 20, 2025, was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Supervisor O'Grady. Roll call was taken.
Aye 3 (Trustees Matariyeh, Williams and Supervisor O'Grady)
Nay 2 (Trustees Duffy and Soltis)
Motion passes.

m. A motion to request the Food Pantry Board to ratify the agreement of July 19, 2021, between the Township and Food Pantry for reimbursement of 50% of salary of certain staff was made by Trustee Williams. There was no second.
Motion fails.

n. A motion to table the motion to reimburse the Highway Department for 30 hours of training of the Executive Administrator for financial matters by Diane Georg was made by Supervisor O'Grady and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. Roll Call was taken.
Aye 2 (Trustee Matariyeh and Supervisor O'Grady)
Nay 3 (Trustees Duffy, Soltis, Williams)
Motion fails.

A motion to reimburse the Highway Department for 30 hours of training of the Executive Administrator for financial matters by Diane Georg at a total of \$1,067.10 was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Williams. Roll call was taken.
Aye 5 Nay 0

o. A motion to approve the Highway Department's purchase of a 2026 Ram 1500 Truck for \$59,569.57 from South Oak Jeep Dodge Chrysler Ram, the lowest bidder was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Soltis. Roll call was taken.
Aye 5 Nay 0

p. A motion to approve the bills over \$5,000 as presented on the Warrant List was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

q. A motion to approve the Payment of Bills as presented in the report dated May 18, 2026, with the following funds: (1) \$143,117.80 from the Town Fund, (2) \$14,970.14 from the Road and Bridge Fund, and (3) \$16,500 from the General Assistance Fund was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

r. A motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)- Review of previous closed sessions and 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

Trustee Williams stated he will not participate in any discussion regarding employees and will leave the closed session when those matters are discussed. Asked that the Clerk note the time he leaves and returns to the meeting.

Returned from closed session at 9:58 p.m.

s. A motion to release the closed session minutes of 8-18-25, 10-20-25, and 2-11-26 was made by Supervisor O'Grady and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. Roll call was taken.

Aye 5 Nay 0

u. A motion to clarify Luke Scalone's pay at \$28.03 per hour, working 16.5 hours per week, not to exceed a maximum of 856 hours for the year and maximum of \$24,000 per year was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Soltis. Roll call was taken.

Aye 4 (Trustees Duffy, Matariyeh, Soltis, Supervisor O'Grady)

Present 1 (Trustee Williams)

Motion passes.

w. A motion to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:59 p.m. was made by Trustee Duffy and seconded by Trustee Matariyeh. All were in favor.

The Board acknowledges, accepts, and incorporates the following into the record:

a. April 20, 2026, regular and closed session minutes.

b. April 23, 2026, special board meeting

c. May 4, 2026, special board meeting

d. May 18, 2026, attendance sheet and request to comment forms

e. Reports from the following departments: Senior Services, Health Services, Youth and Family Services, Food Pantry, General Assistance, Assessor, and Human Resources.

Respectfully submitted by:
Shannon Olson

Orland Township Clerk