

**NORMAL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, November 20, 2025, AT 6:00 PM
304 MULBERRY, NORMAL, IL**

1. **Call to Order** – The Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Able at 6:01pm.
2. **Land Acknowledgement** – The Land Acknowledgement was read by Trustee Hile-Broad
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call**

Trustee Dylan Hile-Broad	Present
Trustee Tanner Starr	Present
Trustee Natasha Syed	Present
Supervisor Krystle Able	Present

Additional Elected Township Officials Present

Dayna Schickedanz	Clerk
Arin Rader	Road Commissioner (exited at 7:28pm)
Kent DePew	Assessor

Others Present

Eliccsha Sanders	ARC Member Services Manager (via Zoom)
Molly Camper	ARC Director of Programming
Sammi Scott	ARC Communications Coordinator
Lori Kerns	ARC Director (via Zoom)

5. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
6. **Consent Agenda**

- A. **Approval of October 23rd regular meeting minutes**
- B. **Approval of Oct 28th Special Meeting Minutes**
- C. **Approval of November 12th Special Meeting Minutes**
- D. **Approval of Road and Bridge Expenditures Oct 24-Nov 14, 2025**
- E. **Approval of General Assistance Expenditures Oct 24- Nov 14th, 2025**
- F. **Approval of Senior Fund Expenditures Oct 24-Nov 14th, 2025**
- G. **Approval of General Town Expenditures Oct 24-Nov 14th, 2025**

October 23rd Regular Meeting minutes tabled to next meeting by Supervisor Able.

Motion to Approve All Presented Items: Dylan

Second: Tanner

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None.

7. Reports

A. Highway Commissioner Report Getting salt ready for snow season. Usually purchases around 100 tons. Purchased a salt spreader for the back of his pickup truck. He also spoke to Birkey's Farm store about possibly trading his used tractor for a used tractor they have to try to keep repair costs down on that. He may leave early tonight due to a basketball game his son is participating in. Arin mentioned that the increases in his levy are not enough to meet the level for a truth in taxation hearing, but that he did make increases. Arin went on to explain how Town of Normal and Normal Township work together to address annexed property and how the budget from Town of Normal is utilized by the general road fund. There are intergovernmental agreements between Township and the Town that have existed and continue to do so to mutual benefit.

B. Assessor Report – Kent reported that around 300 appeals have been filed. During the first part of the year, his team will go out to look at completion percentage on new construction projects. They do so to check the work against the permits approved by the Town. He posted a job opening for the Deputy Assessor role. He mentioned that they would be going out to take photos of residential properties. Kent stated that his office once had an Office Depot credit card and that it is no longer able to be used. He was wondering if he could get a Township credit card for each department. Elicsha mentioned that Office Depot closed their business credit cards altogether. Krystle mentioned that the Board is currently working on a policy around who should have credit cards, who should not, and how to use/approve those. There was discussion about how the Township currently uses purchase order accounts and credit cards for purchasing, and how it may need to be changed.

C. ARC Management Report – Discussion around fundraising campaigns and the efficacy of what works best. Krystle asked questions about why members choose not to renew. Elicsha said sometimes they don't know their membership is about to expire and sometimes the programming they want is not occurring. She has solved for this by asking MSRs to call members who have memberships expiring soon to remind them. They have 50-60% renewal currently and agrees that they should track to why. Sammi said that they will get emails asking why. Natasha mentioned that there have been ongoing concerns with management

and would like to set a special meeting to hear their concerns and address how the Board can best resolve them.

D. General Assistance Case Manager Report – Krystle discussed Tori’s upcoming EA/GA program explaining the benefits of these programs to the community at large. Natasha asked about how the hygiene pantry has been received. Krystle mentioned it has been going really well. She also mentioned they have also soft launched an interview clothing pantry for clients who are looking for work and may need interview appropriate attire.

E. Supervisor Report – LIHEAP opened in October, assisting clients with heating needs. Krystle explained current funding levels and how they will need to be increased in the future given current allocations. Clerk Schickedanz asked about the discrepancy between the previous year’s EA/GA in 2024 to 2025. There were significantly less clients in 2025 for a few months. Audit is awaiting the form to come back from Morton Community Bank then it can be published for public inspection in the Normalite, and we will receive our second installment of property taxes.

8. New Business

A. Interview Trustee Candidates – Each candidate was able to provide background information about themselves and answered questions from the Board. The candidates were Chris Lobdell, Jodie Slothower, and Ryan Lawler.

B. Executive Session to discuss trustee appointment

Motion to Enter Executive Session: Dylan

Second: Tanner

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion to Resume Open Session at 7:57pm: Natasha

Second: Tanner

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

C. Trustee appointment

Motion to put forward Jodie Slothower for appointment to fill the seat vacated by prior Trustee Nayoka Griffis: Dylan

Second: Tanner

Discussion: Dylan explained that Jodie and Nayoka had a great deal of similar passions for working in the community and diverse interests. Tanner agreed with what Dylan stated. Natasha thanked everyone for their willingness to come before the Board to answer questions. Dylan and Krystle also went on to ask the candidates to participate in the Township in other meaningful ways, whether at the ARC or on a committee.

Aye: All

Nay: None

Clerk Schickedanz swore Jodie Slothower as the new Normal Township Trustee by reading the Oath of Office.

D. Approve Grants Disbursement Beginning with the McLean County Museum of History proposal; the Board heard additional information regarding proposals and considered each application against the Township's grant acceptance rubric. The total amount of grant funding available is \$70,000. McLean County Museum of History is requesting \$10,000. Bloomington-Normal Achievement Foundation requested \$10,000 for senior and children's programs. The B-N Community Land Trust requested \$2,000 to combat homelessness in the community. Fearless Fire Global is a start-up organization who has requested \$30,000 to assist the community for Christ-centered activities. The Community Healthcare Clinic requested \$20,000 for dental clinic care.

Motion to Approve McLean County History Museum grant at \$10,000: Dylan

Second: Tanner

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion to Approve Community Healthcare Clinic grant at \$20,000: Natasha

Second: Tanner

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion to Deny Fearless Fire Global grant at \$30,000: Dylan

Second: Tanner

Discussion: Jodie asked if the decision could include the legal case note on that decision.

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion to Approve B-N Community Land Trust grant at \$2,000: Natasha

Second: Dylan

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

Abstain: Tanner, Krystle

Motion to partially Approve Bloomington-Normal Achievement Fund grant at \$8,000, with the addendums that the funds expressly not be used to fund the Whiskey and Wine Fundraising Event and that any scholarship funds granted are received by students in Normal: Tanner

Second: Dylan

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

E. Approve Road and Bridge Levy for public inspection

Motion to Approve the R&B Levy: Natasha

Second: Dylan

Discussion: None

Aye: Tanner, Dylan, Natasha, Jodie, Krystle

Nay: None

F. Approve Township levy for public inspection – There was a great deal of Board discussion surrounding Township needs and concerns funding. The Board worked through several scenarios for funding, potential cuts for programming or staffing, and potential levy increases. Overall, the Board leaned toward keeping staffing levels and services the same, while looking at a potential increase request from the taxpayers. 20.8% levy.

Motion to Approve the Township Levy: Natasha

Second: Dylan

Discussion: None

Aye: Tanner, Dylan, Natasha, Jodie

Nay: None

G. Set date for Truth in Taxation Hearing if Necessary – Krystle explained to the Board that there will be a required truth in taxation hearing due to the proposed increase in levy. Monday, December 22nd at 8:00am.

Motion to Approve December 22, 2025, 8:00am for the Truth in Taxation hearing:

Tanner

Second: Dylan

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

H. Enrollment in MACI for next fiscal year 2026-2027 – The first \$25,000 in medical expenses is paid by the Township. That is considered the deductible. Then the MACI program would kick in and cover up to \$1 million per GA recipient as applicable. Normal Township is already enrolled for the current year at the rate of \$5,644. Krystle has not yet received any information on renewal and is asking the Board for their opinion on enrollment.

Motion to Enter Executive Session: Jodie

Second: Natasha

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

I. Executive Session related to Personnel matters

Board Good and Welfare – Moved to this portion of the meeting so the Board may adjourn the meeting following resuming regular session after the completion of the executive session.

- None mentioned

Motion to Enter Executive Session: Natasha

Second: Dylan

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion to Enter Regular Session: Dylan

Second: Jodie

Discussion: None

Aye: All

Nay: None

9. Board Good and Welfare – see note under 8I.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm

Dayna Schickedanz - Normal Township Clerk

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Date