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512 E. Main Street
Mahomet, IL 61853

Mahomet Township Special Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Mahomet Township Office
512 E. Main St., Mahomet IL 61853

Call to Order: Bobby called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Bobby led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT:

- Bobby LaRoe, Township Supervisor
- Aaron Wheeler, Trustee
- Matt Howard, Trustee
- Chelsea Spencer, Trustee
- Lindsay Brotherson, Assessor
- Jackson Craig, Road Commissioner
- Jordan King, Cemetery Sexton
- Mike Kraft, Township Attorney
- Rebecca Heid, Clerk

Hanna Moody, Trustee was absent

Public Comments:

Nick Ponder spoke of all the great accomplishments of the Highway Commissioner, Jackson Craig. He also voiced his concerns about possible negativity toward Mr. Craig. Noting that there might be some agism concerns that might need addressed. He noted possible legalities.

John Bambenek countered Nick Ponder's statement with his concerns of how the Highway Commissioner, Jackson Craig has been doing business and pointed out concerns with how the budget has been handled.

New Business:

a. **Discussion of Audit**

Bobby mentioned that he was hoping the audit would be finished within the week. He is waiting to hear from the auditors.

b. **Discuss cemetery funding and/or approval for cemetery expansion**

Jordan provided proposal last month. They have recently acquired the Bethel Harris Cemetery. It was forced upon the township. It is in the south part of the township. It needs a lot of work. It will take some time to clean up. The expansion of Riverside Cemetery is laid out in handout Jordan provided to the board. He is wanting to add additional options for burial. Could bring in more money.

Aaron noted that the township did not have an option with Bethel Harris. It was forced upon the township by the State. Townships are required to show they can keep up with upkeep.

Jordan mentioned that they have met the requirements of the State of Illinois regarding licenses for burial.

Chelsea inquired about how pricing for everything was calculated.

Jordan confirmed that he had met with Adams Memorial and Kelly Monuments for their pricing.

Aaron asked about the current projection of what is still available.

Jordan noted 37-38 spaces left currently. He is looking into column barium which would create more options for cremations and spaces. He spoke of plans for new areas which can't be utilized for burials due to flooding.

Chelsea made a motion to approve. Aaron seconded.

Roll call: Aaron – yes; Matt – yes; Chelsea – yes; Bobby – yes

The motion passed.

c. **Review of Road District Payroll Audit Documentation**

Jackson provided handout.

Matt asked about the salaried employees. Jackson stated that Shereth is salaried but non-exempt.

Jackson did not provide timecards again even though the board has asked to be provided the timecards for audit for the past two months.

d. **Review of Township and Cemetery Payroll Audit**

There were no board comments or questions.

Bobby provided documentation to the board for audit including the timecards for the employees as requested by the board.

e. **Approval of Mahomet Township Road District Budget**

Jackson provided copies of the MTRD budget.

Chelsea shared concerns that the legal fees are too high. She was only approving the bills for the attorneys this month because they already incurred expenses. Changes need to be made regarding the processing of FOIA request to the MTRD. Jackson tried justifying the high legal fees in the budget as a precaution. He noted that legal also covers construction as well as any questions regarding the Solar coming to the area.

Chelsea wanted to know if Jackson knew how much of this budget he thought would be going toward the processing of FOIAs through the attorney. Any plan for changes within the next year?

Jackson noted that Shereth is now the FOIA officer for the MTRD and he is hoping that she will do more in house processing. He stated that many times they use legal advice to make sure the FOIAs are processed correctly. Litigations are covered as well.

Aaron spoke about the years 2019-2023 when many FOIAs came through the office.

Matt asked for the MTRD to be more transparent. Post on the website like the Township is doing. It would cut the legal fees, and they would have fewer FOIAs.

Aaron asked if Jackson had made any changes to the budget.

Jackson said he had not made any changes since the last budget he provided last month.

Aaron thought the utilities were a little short for what was needed for the next year. He asked about the liabilities for IMRF, were there any changes?

Jackson said there were no changes.

Aaron wondered if Jackson was making the changes Chelsea had mentioned regarding the legal fees and the processing of FOIAs.

Jackson stated he was making changes as much as he can.

Aaron shared that he thought it would be best to table the approval of the budget for now and see what changes were made within the next month.

Chelsea wanted to know if Shereth would be doing the FOIAs that were easy to answer such as if someone requested a copy of something like a power bill.

Jackson shared that he is trying to get her on board.

Bobby asked the board to please put it in writing what it is you are wanting Jackson to do.

Chelsea made a motion to table approval at this meeting. Aaron seconded.

Roll call: Aaroun – yes; Matt – yes; Chelsea – yes; Bobby – yes

Motion passed

Approve Bills:

a. Road District

1. April Bills

2. May Bills

There was no comment or discussion

Matt motioned to approve bills. Aaron second

Roll call: Aaron – yes; Matt – yes; Chelsea – yes; Bobby – yes

Motion passed

b. Town & Cemetery Bills

There was no comment or discussion

Aaron made a motion to approve bills. Matt seconded

Roll call: Aaron – yes; Matt – yes; Chelsea – yes; Bobby – yes

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting

Aaron made a motion to approve the minutes. Chelsea seconded

Roll call: Aaron – yes; Matt – yes; Chelsea – yes; Bobby – yes

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2026 Special Meeting

Aaron made a motion to approve the minutes. Matt seconded

Roll call: Aaron – yes; Matt – yes; Chelsea – yes; Bobby – yes

Motion passed

Highway Commissioners Report

Jackson noted they had a storm that came through town. Spent time cleaning up from that. They were mowing road ditches. Patching holes. Rocking in areas. Getting equipment ready for summer. Everything is in pretty good shape.

Assessor's Report

Nothing at this time.

Board Comments:

Aaron congratulated Jackson Craig for his graduating from college this past week.

Meeting Adjourns:

Motion was made by Aaron to adjourn and seconded by Matt

Roll call: Aaron - yes; Matt - yes; Chelsea – yes Bobby - yes

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm