



Shields Township

906 W. Muir Avenue, Lake Bluff, IL 60044

**Regular Meeting of the Shields Township Board of Trustees
Thursday August 21st, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
LAKE COUNTY) ss.
TOWN OF SHIELDS)

THE TOWN BOARD OF SHIELDS TOWNSHIP held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday August 21st, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

PRESENT:

Kamila Urso	Supervisor
Vanessa Grum	Township Clerk
Michelle Parnell	Town Trustee
Catherine Oliver-Salbilla	Town Trustee
Christopher Prager	Town Trustee
Trent Swarhout	Town Trustee
Mark Kimzey	Township Attorney

ABSENT:

Lisette Rothing	Deputy Clerk
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- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call** - Supervisor Urso called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm and Clerk Grum took roll call. All trustees and Supervisor Urso present. Deputy Clerk Lisette Rothing was absent.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Public Comment – Three (3) minutes per speaker**
 - a. **Janice Schnobrich** - Janice stated that now Supervisor Kamila Urso allowed her husband, previous Supervisor Jeff Urso, to speak at meetings where he made public comments about herself and her daughter. She also allowed her husband to speak at the July meeting to defend Dan Rogers without intervening. She went on to say that Dan Rogers has cost the Township thousands of dollars by his involvement in litigation which deprived local residents of needed road repairs and flooding mitigation. She continued by stating that further debate on the ethics of Dan Rogers or Jeff Urso may be unproductive and lead to extra taxpayer expense. She suggests that a forensic review is recommended to the board to assess taxpayer funds wasted due to the actions of Mr. Rogers and Mr. Urso. She attached a document containing the 2001-2005 major cases and listings of questionable activities during Dan Roger’s time as Highway Commissioner.
 - b. **Kathy Blahunka** - She stated that although Supervisor Urso has uploaded the board packets as promised to the website, they were not done in a timely fashion

and there were omissions on the financial report. Transparency and timeliness is important and concerns are raised regarding accountability. She suggests to Kamila to tighten up system access, processes and reporting to provide accurate information to the public.

- c. **Janice Aull** - She was present at the flooding concept planning meeting to alleviate flooding. She stated that one thing they didn't dive into during that meeting which she wanted to share was that there is a lot we can do as a community to help this flooding issue. One Oak tree planted absorbs over 40 gallons of water. She would like the residents to be educated about these options to offset the costs of the other plans. She would be willing to help in any way possible and support.
- d. **Catherine Oliver-Salbilla** - At the last meeting, there was an accusation that she had not submitted her form of economic interest in a timely, accurate, and correct fashion. False accusations make us look petty and fractured and that is not what we want to look like as a community, so she encourages people to ask if there are doubts instead of accusing. She remembers that she tried to submit her paperwork and they told her that she cannot accept it because she was running independently and the vote will not be certified since she was not running with a slate. She had to update her form and clearly remembers doing it. She presented a receipt of her form as proof.

IV. Reports

a. Supervisor -

- a. Supervisor Urso recently attended a seminar to continue learning how to better improve our Township in her role as Supervisor.
- b. We will have an audit for next month's meeting.
- c. We had a road meeting yesterday in which 5 additional locations were recommended for speed hump installation (Birch, Blodgett, North, Talbot and Woodland) Supervisor Urso thanks Trustee Prager for being on this committee and providing his perspective. We will be notifying people that the Township will provide plastic culverts (less expensive) if they are damaged and need replacement. Supervisor Urso speaks to why the committee recommends that we do not send letters to residents regarding the speed humps; we did not in the past and it would be hard to know who to send them to. Kamila met with District 65 in partnership to have a crossing guard by the Target to help students from Knollwood bike to school more safely. In October we will be discussing our grant program. She met with Alderman Evans to go over tasks of the Community Service Committee. She has improved social media, the website, and timely release of information.

b. Trustees - None.

c. Assessor's Office - None.

- #### **V. Approval of Bills** - Supervisor moved to approve the following bills in the amounts listed below; Trustee Oliver-Salbilla motions to approve and Trustee Parnell seconds the

motion. Clerk Grum takes roll call and all agree. The motion carries and bills are approved.

- a. **Town Fund:** In the amount of \$28,073.90.
- b. **General Assistance Fund:** In the amount of \$0.00.
- c. **Road & Bridge:** In the amount of \$6,250.08.

VI. Old Business - None.

VII. New Business-

- a. **Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2025** - Supervisor Urso moves to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 17th, 2025. Trustee Parnell motions to approve and Trustee Swarouth seconds the motion. Clerk Grum takes roll, the motion carries, and all approve.

VIII. Executive Session - Trustee Oliver-Salbilla requests this under section 2C1 of the Open Meetings Act. - motion Salbilla, Prager seconds - Clerk Grum takes roll call and all agree, 5:31 adjourn to executive session. All agree for Carl Kitzerow to stay in the meeting. We started the meeting at 5:35. All trustees and Mark Kimzey attorney present. See Executive Meeting Minutes for details.

IX. Regular Meeting Restarted - At 6:01 pm, Clerk Grum takes roll call and the regular monthly meeting restarts. There is no other business.

X. Adjournment - Trustee Parnell motions to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Swarouth seconds the motion. Clerk Grum takes roll call and all agree. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.