

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 10, 2026

The February Regular Monthly Meeting of the Seneca Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 PM, by Supervisor Josh Brown at the Seneca Township Building located at 16506 Garden Valley Road, Woodstock, Illinois.

Officials in Attendance: Supervisor Josh Brown, Clerk Dawn Seemann, Assessor Tammy Benitez, Trustees Denise Sass, Jerry Gieseke, and Road Commissioner Scott Swanson. Absent Officials: Trustees Rosemary Bartman and Gina LeFevour.

Guests in Attendance: Sheldon S. Soldwisch

Assessor's Report: Benitez informed the board the appeals are complete for 2025. The Sales Ratio studies will be done over the next few months, and site visits are at a minimal due to the colder weather.

Audit of Current Bills:

Road District - Brown motioned to approve the Road District bills for payment for the period of January 14, 2026 through February 10, 2026 in the amount of \$40,923.58. Second by Sass. Voting yes: Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Town Fund - Brown motioned to approve the Town Fund bills for payment for the period of January 14, 2026 through February 10, 2026 in the amount of \$10,498.01. Second by Gieseke. Voting yes: Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Minutes: Brown motioned to approve the January 13, 2026 Regular Monthly Minutes as presented. Second by Gieseke. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Brown motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2026 through January 31, 2026, as listed below. Second by Sass. Voting yes: Gieseke, Sass, Brown. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

	Previous Balance	Income	Interest	Transfer	Expenses	Ending Balance
TOWN FUND	\$171,212.09	\$1,065.60	0	0	(\$14,320.09)	\$157,957.60
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$102,722.76	0	\$87.70	0	0	\$102,810.46
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$263,396.85	\$1,434.21	0	0	(\$1,390.75)	\$263,440.31
PERM HARD ROAD	\$214,204.07	0	\$179.56	0	(\$2,871.11)	\$211,512.52
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$13,831.55	0	\$11.75	0	0	\$13,843.30

General Assistance Report: Brown has nothing to report this month.

Clerk's Report: Seemann presented her findings with the cost to frame the Seneca Township Flag, the cost to purchase banners for the parade float, and the cost to purchase new Seneca Township Flags. In addition, she showed ideas for the float design. All of this information has been tabled until the March meeting when more board members might be present to approve/disapprove the purchases and ideas.

Road Commissioner's Report: Swanson informed the board of some possible expense issues with the repairs/replacements of our bridges. The McHenry County Road Commissioners were informed that MCDOT will no longer put money into the townships' cost to help repair/replace bridges in McHenry County, nor will they inspect them anymore. Swanson reported the average cost to repair/replace a bridge is \$6 million dollars. When MCDOT contributed to the expense, townships were responsible for 1-2% of the cost. Now that MCDOT no longer will be contributing, the townships will be responsible for 10-20% of the cost. Swanson informed the board of this so they can begin to figure out the best way to get the funds needed to maintain the Seneca Township bridges. Swanson stated at this point in time there are four (4) bad bridges in Seneca Township. The McHenry County Road Commissioners will be meeting to discuss the situation and work out some preliminary ideas, which could include applying for Grants, creating a separate levy for bridges, or townships working together to help with expenses. Swanson will keep the board posted with future findings and information.

- In addition, Swanson has been doing regular maintenance;
- 450 tons of salt has been received, with another 200 tons needed to complete the contract.

New Business:

- A. Budget for parade in October** - This has been tabled until the March meeting.

Supervisor's Report: Brown informed the board about TOI's 44th Lobby Day. Any Board Members interested in going should let Brown know.

Adjourn: At 7:14 PM Brown motioned to adjourn the February 10, 2026 Regular Monthly Meeting. Second by Gieseke. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Seemann
Seneca Township Clerk