

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
March 9, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7:03p.m. by Supervisor Christofilos to transact business that comes before the board. Supervisor Christofilos called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda, annual agenda, and sign in sheet are attached.
2. **Opening Prayer** by Pastor Dave Feddes.
3. **Roll Call** by Clerk Kraft: Present were Supervisor Christofilos, Trustees Dietz, Olszewski, Shepherd, Assessor Bushong, Road Commissioner Hilliard, Collector Michael Flanagan, and Clerk Kraft. Trustee Striggow was absent.
4. **Motion to Approve the Minutes from the last board meeting, as submitted.** Approval of Minutes from February 2026 regular monthly meeting prepared by Clerk Kraft.

Motion:

Supervisor Christofilos asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the last board meeting as submitted. Motion made by Trustee Shepherd seconded by Trustee Dietz. No further discussion, All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

5. **Motion to Approve the Township Financial report**, as reviewed by the Trustees prior to the meeting start time.

Motion:

Supervisor Christofilos asks for a motion to approve the Township Financial Report. Motion made by Trustee Dietz, seconded by Trustee Shepherd. No further discussion, All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

6. **Unfinished Business: Old Business – Discussion and Potential Action on the Following Items: Public Comments (1-minute limit) on the agenda item only, prior to the Board voting.**

a. **Town Hall Renovation Project Update: Bid Opening March 18th 2pm** – *Trustee Olszewski updated there were 8 people that picked up bid packages to be opened on March 18th with bid awarding on March 25th and completion date October 31, 2026; there has been no reimbursement to date. *Supervisor Christofilos addressed questions as to why the renovation route, the short answer was the County's deadline dates changing numerous times and concerns on the grant money availability.

7. **New Business - Discussion and Potential Action on the Following Items: Public Comments (1-minute limit) on the agenda item only, prior to the Board voting.**

a. **Motion to Approve the April 8th 2026 Annual Meeting Agenda** – *Trustee Shepherd read the agenda. *Trustee Olszewski asked why number five and six were on the annual agenda when they are addressed every month. *Supervisor Christofilos said because some may come to annual meeting that don't come to regular meetings.

Motion:

Supervisor Christofilos asks for a motion to approve the April 8th 2026 Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion made by Trustee Dietz, seconded by Trustee Olszewski. No further discussion, All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

b. Resolution No. 2026-003 Regarding The Transfer of Appropriation in the Town Fund –

*Supervisor Christofilos explained this has been done in the past, it's the legal way to transfer out line items that have not been expended into line items that have been expended, that have negative balance to them to keep the numbers positive. He pointed out the total budget is not affected, Resolution No. 2026-003 is below. No further discussion.

**GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-003
A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION
IN THE TOWN FUND (2025-2026)**

WHEREAS there was adopted on the 12th day of May 2025, by the Board of Trustees of Green Garden Township, Will County, Illinois (the "Township") a Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026.

WHEREAS it now appears that certain adjustments between appropriated line items in the TOWN FUND in said ordinance are desirable and necessary; and

WHEREAS Section 3 of the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, 50 ILCS 330/3, as amended, authorizes transfers between various line items within any fund in such Appropriation Ordinance not to exceed 10 percent of the total amount appropriated in such fund by said Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Green Garden Township, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: All the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true, and correct and hereby, by reference, incorporated and made part of this Resolution as legislative findings.

SECTION 2: That there is hereby transferred from the unexpended balance of the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$34,500) from the following line-items in the TOWN FUND:

	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Original, Amended Line-Item Budget</u>	<u>Adjusted Appropriation</u>
Flooding Issues	\$32,500	\$35,000	\$ 2,500
Assessor Mileage – Travel	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,200
Assessor Staff	\$ 1,000	\$28,100	\$27,100

Which transferred sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$34,500) is hereby added to the following line-item in the same fund:

	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Original, Amended Line-Item Budget</u>	<u>Adjusted Appropriation</u>
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$10,000	\$11,000
Legal Services	\$15,000	\$ 5,000	\$20,000
Office Commodities	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500

Utilities	\$ 500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,500
Payroll & Accounting	\$10,500	\$12,500	\$23,000
IT License & Support	\$ 2,000	\$11,000	\$13,000
IT Hardware	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000
Publishing	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
Assessor: Office Field Supplies.	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,600
Assessor: Training-CE	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500

These transfers shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

SECTION 3: *If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.*

SECTION 4: *All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.*

SECTION 5: *This Resolution and transfer shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Green Garden Township, Will County, State of Illinois due to the urgent nature of this matter.*

Motion:

Supervisor Christofilos asks for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-003. Motion made by Trustee Shepherd, seconded by Trustee Olszewski Roll Call Vote taken – 4 – AYE (Trustee Shepherd, Trustee Olszewski, Trustee Dietz, Supervisor Christofilos), - 0 – NAY - 1 – Absent (Trustee Striggow), motion passed unanimously.

c. Resolution: No, 2026-004 Regarding Submitting an Advisory Public Question to the Electors of Green Garden Township: Do you Think The State of Illinois Should Have a Voter ID Law? - Trustee Olszewski explained it's an advisory question to appear on the ballot if you think the State of Illinois should have voter ID where you need identification to vote, its non-binding and effective date would be the date it is passed by vote, Resolution No. 2026-004 is below.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-004

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING AN ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the Green Garden Township Board / Board of Trustees of Green Garden Township, Will County, Illinois, believes that election integrity and public confidence in the electoral process are important matters of public concern; and

WHEREAS, there has been public discussion regarding whether the State of Illinois should require voters to present identification prior to voting (a "voter ID law"); and

WHEREAS, the Green Garden Township Board / Board of Trustees desires to seek the input of the electors of Green Garden Township on this matter by placing an advisory public question on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election; and

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of Illinois, a township board may submit an advisory public question to the voters of the township for their non-binding opinion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green Garden Township Board / Board of Trustees of Green Garden Township, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

1. Submission of Advisory Question.

The following advisory public question shall be submitted to the electors of Green Garden Township at the general primary election to be held on March 17th 2026, and the general election to be held on November 3rd 2026:

"Do you think the State of Illinois should have a voter ID law?"

2. Form of Ballot.

The ballot for said election shall present the public question in substantially the following form:

ADVISORY QUESTION

Do you think the State of Illinois should have a voter ID law?

YES

NO

3. Filing with Election Authorities.

The Green Garden Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution and the advisory public question set forth herein to the appropriate election authorities in the manner and within the time required by the Illinois Election Code and other applicable law.

4. Non-Binding Effect.

This advisory public question is non-binding and is intended solely to ascertain the opinion of the electors of Green Garden Township on the question stated above.

5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Motion:

Supervisor Christofilos asks for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-004. Motion made by Trustee Olszewski, seconded by Trustee Shepherd. Roll Call Vote taken – 4 – AYE (Trustee Olszewski, Trustee Shepherd, Trustee Dietz, Supervisor Christofilos), - 0 – NAY - 1 – Absent, (Trustee Striggow), motion passed unanimously.

d. Board Discussion: Solar Facilities and Incorporated Rural District

Mr. Tom Becker, Watershed Committee

Mr. Kevin Hoffmeister, Former Homer Glen Incorporation Committee

Supervisor Christofilos explains the resolutions, guest to speak, and reads the following –

Incorporated Rural District

Board Opening Statement: Supervisor Dean Christofilos

Someone asked: "why do you plan on doing this!"

We are not "planning on doing this." We are a long way from deciding on incorporation, and we share many of the same concerns others may have. Incorporation was presented to us by Mr. Becker's Watershed Committee as one possible option among several other options to push back against the proposed 2,500 acres of solar, battery storage, and data centers.

Our goal is to remain a rural residential community and not see Green Garden turn into an undesirable industrial area. If we find that incorporation would cause taxes to skyrocket or would not truly protect our rural character, then it is not something we would pursue.

At this point, we are simply gathering information—discussing the potential benefits, drawbacks, and challenges. We will thoroughly research whether incorporation would help us preserve our rural residential identity and prevent 2,500 acres of prime farmland from being covered with large-scale solar installations.

Other options currently being discussed and implemented include:

1. Organizing community opposition, including "No Solar" signs.
2. Having strong resident turnout at the upcoming Will County Land Use public hearing (expected late March or early April) regarding the Earthrise Solar proposal. Postcards to every household will be mailed out with the date of the Public Hearing encouraging all of us to show up.
3. Supporting potential legal action, such as the lawsuit Mr. Tom Becker's Watershed Committee may file.
4. Considering incorporation—but only after careful research into whether it would help stop the project and what the benefits and drawbacks would be.

This is a discussion—not a decision.

The Board does have on the agenda a Resolution Opposing Earthrise Solar and a Resolution To Pursue Additional Information Regarding Incorporation.

***Mr. Thomas Becker** thanked everyone for coming; Public hearing for Earthrise is March 30th at 5:30 at the Renaissance Center in Joliet with additional date of March 31st at the same time and asked that everyone attend and speak; Data Center proposal West of Manhattan will be largest facility in Illinois using 1800 megawatts of power, same amount of power for AI as it would to power every home in Chicago; Earthrise facility would be 80 square miles, 6000 acres, 100 parcels; The County has removed two meetings in April eliminating the right to public hearing on Earthrise and future public hearings for land use applications; Another solar farm, US Solar, is trying to slip in section 11 by Erinwood Subdivision; Plan is to challenge at the zoning level, file litigation, and save what we have and preserve our rural district; Incorporation went from a legal strategy to actual possibility to save this area for the future.

***Mr. Kevin Hoffmeister** explained how Homer Glen came to incorporation, adjusted taxes by contracting services, controlled growth by becoming a village. ***Supervisor Christofilos** is concerned with taxes doubling, if they have their own police and fire. ***Hoffmeister** said that did not happen, the biggest increases were home prices going up from Assessor adjusting, but he has not seen any significant increases in his taxes and has lived there before, during, and after incorporation. There is no village tax, they capture that from five cent gas tax, they contract Will County Sheriff who keeps all profits from tickets to keep prices down.

Board Discussion - *Trustee Shepherd asked beyond attempting to fight solar, what value does the Township and its residents gain from incorporation? He also asked if incorporating completely eliminates solar companies from putting panels and data centers in our area and how long incorporation would be and line up with Earthrise applications already working? *Mr. Thomas Becker addressed the question, preservation of our rural community now and for the future and keep industrial in one spot; explained the issues with maintenance for the Watershed, flooding caused by damage by others, and issues with solar and solar battery companies; incorporating is a way to save our rural community, to save from annexation, and industrial sprawl; could eliminate 35 of the 36 sections and can restrict solar to one section; reviewing incorporation/self-governance is a deterrent. *Trustee Dietz asked what percentage of Green Garden is at risk of being annexed by other towns because of existing rules and regulations and what is the timeline for filing? *Mr. Thomas Becker spoke with surrounding villages who are comfortable with current boundaries and preserving what we have; they are looking into State and Federal filings because they are not protecting our stream systems, possibly within 30 to 60 days, then look at incorporating, first is meeting, second is litigation, and third is strategy as a deterrent. *Trustee Olszewski said so everyone is aware there were a lot of questions from residents and Jim asked has there been a case study done from other townships? *Mr. Thomas Becker said they have not looked at that yet and don't have any studies on any other townships; Homer Glen is the one in our County, with 3850 people in Green Garden we want to be a rural district not a village and will look at both taxation and rural district. *Mr. Hoffmeister explained the differences between populations, taxes, services, and how it's hard to compare with 20,000 plus residents and 3,800 residents not being familiar with rural districts, taxes could change depending on services and referendums of what residents wanted, the biggest goal was to keep taxes in line. *Road Commissioner Hilliard thanked Kevin for coming out, explained his history in Homer Glen, asked if they needed a building department, looking at the money side, taxing part. *Mr. Hoffmeister said they used Will County at first but now has a building department, taxes did go up, not a tremendous rate, and they have a lot more services now, the village took over township roads with no increase, it was a pass through, we can control the taxes by controlling services; Create your destiny now by incorporating or rural district or we will get run over. *Mr. Thomas Becker said the goal is to simply transfer the payments already from County to local municipality, not adding a bunch of services we don't need, the process is just beginning, everything needs to be evaluated and researched, this strategy is to start as a deterrent, to let them know this community will preserve itself and fight. *Collector Michael Flanagan asked who is "we" will answer and address? *Mr. Thomas Becker stated "we" is the Watershed Committee, largest volunteer organization in Green Garden Township with a mailing list of 2,000 people being asked by residents to look into this. The Committee has been here for 22 years to fight these battles and are well suited to begin the process. *Mr. Flanagan asked Supervisor Christofilos if resolution 2026-006 is a committee that's set up, already appointed, or will it be the Watershed Committee and would there be a chance to make comments before voting on the resolution, or is this the only chance? *Supervisor Christofilos said there are board members that want the resolution to be looked at by the township attorney, would commission the Watershed Committee to start the research, involve the plan commission then determine how to proceed with a committee, ultimately it goes to the residents of Green Garden Township. *Collector Flanagan asked is the committee already determined. *Supervisor Christofilos said if they voted it would start with the Watershed Committee. *Collector Flanagan addressed Homer's decision to embrace commercial; is not the feeling from voters of Green Garden, having gone door to door talking to voters we do not embrace commercial. *Supervisor Christofilos asked if incorporating would help with land use in general, not just solar; *Assessor Bushong explained the difference between assessed and market values of homes, assessed value is considerably lower; she explained Green Garden has a tiny bit of value coming from commercial and unless that changed could not see how the taxes would not go up; she explained there will be additional line items, taxing bodies, when you incorporate that need to be funded; *Mr. Hoffmeister explained Homer Glen did not have all those line items in the beginning, eventually with a sliver of Homer remaining a township. *Mr. Thomas Becker said there are a lot of questions but to simplify it with the issues right now, Earthrise is leasing up properties along 45 under a company of industrial developers called Accelerate Infrastructure; the goal is to consider the idea of preserving a rural district, it will take months of research before presenting anything to answer questions; *Assessor Bushong asked what we are doing about the Earthrise purchased properties; *Mr. Thomas Becker said they will remain under their ownership but will not generate solar if the Earthrise project is eliminated, all the leases go with it.

Resident Public Comments - *Plan Commission Chair Mark Sarkisian came to the meeting thinking no way he would want to incorporate but now realizes he has many questions and asked there be a meeting dedicated to this topic and had three questions, one, from Steger Road North, 50% more taxes, two, can cities versus township have better fighting against solar or annexing; *Resident Bill Wagner clarified taxing and annexing with Five Oaks; clarified that Homer Glen taxes not raising because they did not issue a levy until 2015; has concerns with Pritzker's law has a stipulation saying municipalities cannot change things to fight solar and if becoming a municipality changes things, we have stood on our comprehensive plan that has backed us; *Mr. Thomas Becker commented that The Comprehensive Plan is now shredded, municipalities cannot pass a law on solar but can locate it to a specific area so it's not sprawling, they have the right to put it in an industrial zone and under Home Rule of the Illinois Constitution we have the right to become a municipality. *Jeff Becker of the Watershed Committee commented that one tax line item is the school district who lost 1,000 students but we are still paying exactly the same amount for the school district, second, we are paying for the Monee Fire District, so we could contract that and put out bids, explaining the line items already on tax bills that could be looked at; *Resident Cesar Nava asked that proper information be provided to educate residents to make decisions; *Resident Carol Kohl asked what the difference is with a rural district, *Mr. Thomas Becker said it started as a deterrent and became a possibility, they have not started looking into the concerns being raised and when the time comes they will fully review and present to the Plan Commission, the board, and the residents, they are asking people to think about the possibility; *Resident Karen Playtek asked if there is generated map of the township showing leases or owned properties designated to Earthrise, *Mr. Thomas Becker stated it is on the township website from the County; No further comments.

Resolution No. 2026-005 Opposing Earthrise Solar – *Supervisor Christofilos said they are in favor of voicing their opposition however the board has concerns on some of the statements and reads the following...

Township Resolution 2026-005 Opposing Earthrise Solar

Whereas, the solar developer Earthrise has filed Will County application #ZC-25-129 for a special use permit to construct an industrial solar facility on farmland; And, Whereas, this 100-parcel, scattered-site project will span 6000 acres in three rural Will County Townships, including Green Garden, Manhattan and Wilton Townships; And, Whereas, this Earthrise solar project:

1. *May violate established land-use zoning standards;*
2. *May consume 200 times more land than the footprint required for natural gas power;*
3. *May not be compatible with the weather and conditions of northern Illinois;*
4. *May produce a 12% grid capacity factor compared to 99% capacity from reliable energy sources;*
5. *May destroy the rural quality of life and landscape that our Township residents cherish;*
6. *May damage the soils of prime farmland and adversely impact the natural environment;*
7. *May destabilize our rural community and introduce industrial sprawl;*
8. *May end rural-residential growth and the longstanding, orderly transition of farmland to compatible rural uses;*
9. *May irreparably harm the Forked Creek and Prairie Creek watersheds by disregarding federally protected Waters of the US;*
10. *May, Will increase flooding and erosion by ignoring farmed and un-inventoried wetlands, hydric soils and unmapped tile systems;*

*Supervisor Christofilos said the 11th they were discussing was the Earthrise project is incompatible with our comprehensive land use map, it's not the area we want solar in our community, they have agreed to hold off until the township attorney can look at it; *Trustee Dietz suggested signing pending attorneys approval; *Supervisor Christofilos agrees as they want to get this before the County's meeting on March 30th. Trustee Olszewski wanted

clarification that the word "will" was changed to "may" on each line and adding #11 and Supervisor Christofilos said yes, Olszewski also said if they vote to approve it pending legal comments she would not be opposed to a special meeting; *Trustee Shepherd also piggybacked on Olszewski's change agreeing on the change "will" to "may"; *Supervisor Christofilos said they would get it changed and stay after if need be. ; No further comment.

Motion:

Supervisor Christofilos asks for a motion to approve the Township Resolution 2026-005 Opposing Earthrise Solar pending review from township attorney. Motion made by Trustee Olszewski, seconded by Trustee Dietz. Roll Call Vote taken – 4 – AYE (Trustee Olszewski, Trustee Dietz, Trustee Shepherd, Supervisor Christofilos), - 0 – NAY - 1 Absent, (Trustee Striggow), motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2026-006 To Pursue Additional Information Regarding Incorporation – Supervisor Christofilos read the following...

*Township Resolution 2026-006
To Pursue Additional Information Regarding Incorporation*

Whereas, the State of Illinois and County of Will have passed laws and ordinances that benefit industrialization over the interests of unincorporated rural residents;

And, Whereas, such laws shred township land use plans, violate zoning standards, and remove the decision-making powers of township officials;

And, Whereas, the Will County Board has now abolished the right to a public hearing before the County Board on land use matters;

And, Whereas, the inhabitants of Green Garden Township desire to prevent industrial sprawl from ruining their quality of life and property values;

And, Whereas, the residents of Green Garden Township are also seeking relief from excessive taxation, as Illinoisians pay the highest property taxes in the Nation;

And, Whereas, there is a window of opportunity to preserve 22,000 acres of Green Garden Township for farms, farmettes, estates and large-lot subdivisions before the tide of unwanted industrialization arrives;

And, Whereas, the transition to an incorporated status could restore local control over land use, could reduce property tax burdens, and could save thousands of acres of prime farmland currently vulnerable to predatory industrial corporations;

Therefore, the Green Garden Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees, with an interest towards exploring the feasibility of a limited rural incorporation, task The Watershed Committee, a volunteer, non-governmental organization, with gathering information on the viability of such a venture.

Board Discussion – *Trustee Olszewski asked for the last paragraph above after feasibility to also state "and to compile the information for the trustees/Green Garden board review." And also adding "by passing this resolution in no way holds the Green Garden Trustees/Supervisor liable for approving the incorporation but rather gives them the information to review and make an informed decision." Everyone agreed. No further comment.

Resident Public Comments – *Collector Michael Flanagan wanted the record to show his formal objection to this, not as a process, but to how the process is going to be conducted. So, while I value the preservation of our rural category, I must formally state my objection to the current proposal for an incorporation exploratory committee based on, number one, ethical conflict of interest. Proposed appointments include individuals who are currently engaged in active legal challenges against solar applications within the township, appointing active litigants to a government body or committee for the express purposes of influencing their own legal outcomes, creates significant conflict of interest and undermines the impartiality of our local government. Number two, statutory limitations. The stated intent of this committee, is to block solar, this case is severe legal hurdles under Illinois public act 102-1123, the State of Illinois has restricted the authority of local governments to prohibit commercial renewable energy facilities, establishing a new layer of government solely to bypass the state law may invite bad faith in the vote litigation, leading the taxpayers to fund a costly and potentially unsuccessful legal defense. I believe that a proactive approach forward is recommended here. I am not inherently opposed to incorporation, but it must be pursued for the right reasons and partially researched and presented for the holistic benefit of the township. I purpose that the board adopt the following three pillar approach. First of all, an independent and diverse representation. The committee should be composed of a broad cross section of stakeholders, including agricultural landowners, fiscal experts and residents who are not currently parties with any active litigation involving the township or county. This ensures that the findings are credible and objective. Number two, a comprehensive legal audit before appointments are made, the township should commission an independent study, provide a realistic assessment of the municipal powers under the current Illinois law. We must confirm whether incorporation provides the control where we seek before we ask taxpayers to fund it. And number three is community first transparency; the board should host a series of public workshops to foster a two-way dialog. Residents deserve to understand the long-term impact of their property taxes and local services before any path is chosen. So, while Green Garden deserves a process that is legally sound, ethically beyond approach and fiscally responsible. Let us inform the vision that protects our community future to a transparent leadership rather than the reactive strategy; *Mr. Thomas Becker defended the volunteer efforts and clarified there are no litigants involved in solar right now, second they have been reviewing the idea of municipality for a year, thirdly it's not a township pursuit, it's a pursuit of the inhabitants to pursue that. We are not here to harm anyone, but to help with many people interested in preserving this area, doing so as a volunteer effort and finds it interesting that most opposed to this have done nothing to stop this. The Watershed committee is deep into the issues, will present to board for review, by the time any workshops or anything mentioned go through the matter at hand will be too far ahead, and the goal is to stop Earthrise this month. With three matters before the County board this month with no hearings they will be dealing with the issue of the laws themselves, and their pursuit is to help the community. The boards agree to treat the incorporation resolution the same way as the previous resolution, pending legal review; *Supervisor Christofilos reminded everyone of the March 30th and 31st meeting and asked Trustee Olszewski if the post cards were ready to get out, *Trustee Olszewski said she just found out the date tonight along with everyone else, they will get them out asap. No further comment.

Motion:

Supervisor Christofilos asks for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-006 to pursue additional information regarding incorporation pending the approval and review of our township attorney. Motion made by Trustee Dietz, seconded by Trustee Shepherd. Roll Call Vote taken – 4 – AYE (Trustee Dietz, Trustee Shepherd, Trustee Olszewski, Supervisor Christofilos), - 0 – NAY – 1 -Absent, (Trustee Striggow), motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports

a. Road Commissioners Report Road Commissioner Jim Hilliard: **Past/Presently:** Dealing with changing weather, Road District is weather dependent; Road District employees attended first CPR class, with five people in attendance; Road District employees attended an underground utilities class; Street light repairs; picked up debris around Green Garden, if you need anything picked up call the office; Golfview speed limit changed from 30 to 25, all signs are posted; working on chip/seal bid packets; Helped township with insurance policy updates for review;

Future: Sheer Road bridge bids were D Construction at \$1,596,116.16 and P.T. Ferro at \$2,590,324.66, about \$200,000 less than expected, with a grant for 2 million it won't affect budgeting for the year; Pauling Road that fell apart half mile East of Sheer will be ready for service in the summer.

b. Assessor's Report – *Assessor Bushong said she would bypass reading the statistics and asked how the postcards were being sent out and to what addresses. *Supervisor Christofilos said Mark Sarkisian got it from the County, *Assessor Bushong said it should be less than 1500 homes, *Mark Sarkisian said like 1530 and said the Assessor's office has the most up to date information

c. Collector's Report – *Collector Michael Flanagan apologized for missing last month's meeting as he was in Ireland for the passing of his mother in law's funeral; Has been in talks with the Supervisor about Union Cemetery and hopes to keep them up; Noticed the flag pole at Union Cemetery had fallen down and the flag is gone, went there and put flag pole to side, did a survey , 25 headstones have already fallen/in disrepair, another 17 at risk for falling, about 40% of graves are in need of repairs, hopes to come to a resolution so they can move forward with the Cemetery.

d. Trustee's Reports

* **Trustee Dietz** – Reported he and Mark have been in touch with US Solar, Harry Marvel, here tonight, proposing a solar project just North of Erinwood, Ralph offered him to use townhall for his upcoming meeting.

* **Trustee Olszewski** – Reported, as the FOIA officer, let Trustee's and elected officials know if they get FOIA's they need to get copies to her and any FOIA's sent out she needs copies for her records; Olszewski asked Supervisors Christofilos if they will be getting all the budgets for review, the Assessor's budget is missing for review. *Supervisor Christofilos said yes that Jane is working on that and discussions have been in the works, next month they will start looking at the budget and plan to vote on at the May board meeting. The reasoning being the Levy will come in around April 8th and all March expenses will be in; *Olszewski said she also needs outstanding FOIA copies from the Assessor's office; *Supervisor Christofilos said for sure and *Assessor Bushong said it would help if the FOIA officer, when a commercial request comes in, would help, as she requested.

* **Trustee Shepherd** – Nothing to report

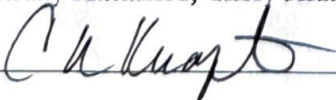
* **Trustee Striggow** – Not in attendance

e. Supervisor's Report - Nothing further to report

9. Public Comments – *US Solar representative Harry Marvel said there will be an open house at town hall two weeks from today; Much smaller project than Earhrise, about 40 acres, setback 1200 feet from Stuenkel Road; encourage everyone to come to the open house, Tuesday March 23rd from 6-9p.m.; *Supervisor Christofilos said there is a lot of information on the township website and the Board's Facebook page as well; *Resident Buddy Schultz expressed his concerns over 88th Avenue being repaired and flooding on the roads, ditches, and running up on properties; NO further comments.

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:08p.m. Supervisor Christofilos asks for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Trustee Shepherd and seconded by Trustee Olszewski. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried. The next Board meeting to be held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Crissy Kraft, Clerk for Green Garden Township





Approved by Board of Trustees: Monday, April 13, 2026



GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP


Monday, March 9th, 2026 - Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.


Board Meeting Agenda

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3. Roll Call 
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 - a. Road Commissioner's Report 
 - b. Assessor's Report
 - c. Collector's Report
 - d. Trustees' Reports
 - e. Supervisor's Report

9. Public Comments (2-minute limit) 
10. Meeting Adjourned

Green Garden Township
ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING



Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
2. Selection of Moderator
3. Oath of Moderator
4. Reading and Approval of 2025 Annual Township Meeting Minutes
5. Town Hall Renovation Update: Belinda Olszewski
6. Solar Update: Tom Becker
7. Public Comment
8. Clerk – Presentment of Township Annual Financial Statement
9. Next Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 13, 2027
10. Adjournment

Green Garden Township Regular Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

March 9, 2026

By checking the Public Comment box, you agree to abide by the Green Garden Township public comment policy on the Meeting Agenda

GUEST SIGN - IN - SHEET

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| 1. Bob Schuch | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. L. Owens | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. LINDA WARDINSKI | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Carol Koh | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. CAROL LINCOLN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. GARY LINCOLN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Karen Platek | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Barbara Rizzo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Mary Freitay | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. NANCY TARWATER | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. JIM MICHALCOWICZ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Heidi Chute | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Donna Robinson | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. KYLE CANTONE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Jeff Becker | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Tom Becker | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Lindsay Hemstra | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Sherla McFarland | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Helen Setze | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. MARK SARIKISIAN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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- 21. Shannon Ardema
- 22. Cesar Nava
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