

ARMADA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Krotche

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation led by Trustee Goetzinger

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nikkel, Goetzinger, Job, Swiacki, Krotche

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also present: Attorney Linda McGrail

PUBLIC HEARING: Community Development Block Grant Funds

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to open public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Public Comments: None

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: Armada Township Cost Recovery Ordinance

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to open public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Public Comments:

Fire Chief Kohut explained the purpose of the Cost Recovery Ordinance. He combined our four current ordinances into one.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Job seconded by Swiacki to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: Single Waste Hauler

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to open public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Public Comments:

Ken DeCock: Questioned that the opt-out language was not in the proposed ordinance. Can farm operations still have their own service.

Anthony Locano: Does the op-out clause expire when contract is done. Can we continue to use our own service until our contract expires. Asked about damaged can replacement.

Mark Zarate: Does not like the mandate for one company. Attack on liberties.

Jay Burgher: Suggests we eliminate punitive enforcement of policy.

Katie Stork: This has been going on for 20 years. Good job in getting fees down for us. Is very grateful.

Dave Clor: Congratulations. This is a good thing. Does not take away civil liberties.

Steve Nikkel: As a taxpayer this is a step in the right direction. We are here to work with residents; it is a big step forward.

Monica Job: This was a very difficult decision. Thanked everyone involved in the process.

Clerk Swiacki read emails submitted by residents Kathie Lucas and Deborah Bartlett in favor of securing a single waste hauler.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to close the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve December 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

SET/AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve agenda as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 minutes) – Mark Wrubel, Anthony Locano, Ken DeCock, Kevin Grand

BILLS: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve bills as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

REPORTS: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to receive and file reports.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

Macomb County Public Works: Don Brown explained the Drain Maintenance Match Program for the Township of Armada. There are five drains within Armada Township: Newland Drain & Branches, Woodbeck Drain, Armada/Ray Drain, Crawford Drain and Wakefield/Hullet Drain that need deadfall and vegetation removal, channel reshaping, and lawn restoration where needed. Total estimated cost is \$130,630. Armada Townships portion of the project is \$63,315 and Macomb County's portion \$63,315. Project to start in 2026 sometime, hoping to finish before the end of the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Allocate Community Development Block Grant Funds: C.D.B.G FY26 – Allocations:

Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve allocations as follows:

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers: \$360

MCREST: \$700

Samaritan House: \$700

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Armada Township Cost Recovery Ordinance No. R2026-1: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt Ordinance No. R2026-1 to provide for the reimbursement of recoverable expenses to Armada Township as the result of costs incurred by the Township in connection with the discharge or threatened discharge of hazardous materials, to provide for the recovery of costs incurred by Armada Township for emergency responses relating to utility line failures, motor vehicle accidents, vehicle fires and incidents involving individuals operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substance, and to repeal any and all Ordinances and/or Regulations in conflict therewith.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Single Waste Hauler Ordinance No. R2026-2: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt Ordinance No. R2026-2 for the purpose of establishing and implementing a program for the curbside collection and disposal of mixed waste, bulk items, recyclables generated by single family generation sites by a single waste hauler.

Ayes: Nikkel, Swiacki, Goetzinger, Krotche **Nays:** Job

Motion CARRIED

Single Waste Hauler – Bid Award: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to award for provision of single hauler waste collection and disposal services to Priority Waste, LLC at the unit prices bid on its official bid form for scope of services A, B, C, D, E, F, and G subject to approval of Waste Collection Contract by the Township of Armada, Village of Armada, and Priority Waste, LLC.

Ayes: Nikkel, Swiacki, Goetzinger, Krotche **Nays:** Job

Motion CARRIED

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Board of Review – Reappointments (January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2027):

Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to reappoint David Andrews, Joan Falkenberg and John Young to the Board of Review from January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2027.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Fire Department – Resignation: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to accept Mackenzie Sargent's resignation with regrets effective December 29, 2025.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Building Department – Microsoft Surface Pro Tablet: Motion by Job seconded by Nikkel to approve purchase of a 2-year up-front contract for a Microsoft Surface Pro Tablet through Verizon Wireless at municipal pricing of \$1,500 for the Building Inspector.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Animal Control Ordinance/Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing February 11: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to set public hearing for February 11.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Special Events Ordinance – Public Hearing February 11: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to set public hearing for February 11.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Armada Township Parks & Recreation Plan 2026-2030 – Resolution No. 2026-01: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 adopting the Armada Township Parks and Recreation Plan 2026-2030.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Moratorium on the building of Data Centers within the Township of Armada – Resolution No. 2026-02: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 to extend a one hundred eighty day (180) moratorium on the building of data centers within the Township of Armada.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (2 minutes) – Jon Tarlo, Sean Webber, Jay Burgher

BOARD MEMBERS: Trustee Goetzinger, Trustee Nikkel, Treasurer Job, Clerk Swiacki and Supervisor Krotche.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Job seconded by Nikkel to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Mary K. Swiacki, CMMC, MiPMC
Armada Township Clerk

Christopher Krotche
Supervisor

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