

AVON TOWNSHIP

Regular Board Meeting — Minutes

433 E Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Michelle Bauman called the Regular Meeting of the Avon Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Henning led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Clerk Repa called the roll:

- Supervisor Michelle Bauman — Present
- Trustee Arroyo — Present
- Trustee Henning — Present
- Trustee Nieder — Present
- Trustee Sloan — Present

A quorum was established. All members of the Board were in attendance.

Also present: Assessor Brust, Clerk Repa, and Township Attorney Mark Walker with Ancel Glink.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Bauman opened the floor to public comment, reminding speakers that comments are limited to three minutes per person and that the Board would listen but not respond directly during the comment period. A large number of residents addressed the Board, primarily regarding two matters: the Township's Nearmap aerial-imagery contract with the Assessor's office, and the proposed T5 data center development in the Village of Grayslake. Speakers, in order, were:

- Travis Haley — Trustee of the Round Lake Area Library, where he reviews agenda items fully before voting; he criticized members of the board for having voted to approve the Nearmap contract earlier in the year without having all their concerns addressed. Nearmap's repeated return to the agenda was unwarranted. He directed personal criticism at Trustee Sloan and Supervisor Bauman, characterizing their questioning of the Assessor as ~~unprofessional~~. He also thanked Trustees Henning and Nieder and the Clerk Repa for addressing an inverted pride flag that had reportedly been displayed incorrectly for several days.
- Patti Pascale — Raised concerns about the proposed data center's noise, light pollution, water consumption, and electricity costs, and requested that the project be paused for review.
- Myrna Roldan, Chief Deputy Assessor — Nearmap improves accuracy, strengthens taxpayer equity, reduces unnecessary field visits, and provides clear visual records and support transparency during appeals. It is a tool that protects taxpayers and helps us fulfill our statutory duties. Her concern about T5 is not about opposing technology. It's about addressing legitimate questions that residents have raised about environmental impact, water and energy demand, and whether the approval process fully informed the public.

- Paul Cochran — Grayslake resident; spoke in opposition to the data center and encouraged residents to seek legal counsel to challenge the project.
- Gabby Johnson — Grayslake resident; thanked the Township for its responsiveness and spoke in opposition to the T5 data center, requesting that Avon Township use its regional relationships to urge a moratorium.
- Doug Kearney — Clarified prior public comment regarding the dollar amount discussed in connection with the Nearmap contract, raised questions about Board oversight of the contract process, described how the Nearmap service functions, and noted that Avon Township has no regulatory authority over the Village of Grayslake.
- Jackie Mutter — Law student and Grayslake native; spoke regarding environmental and legal concerns associated with the proposed data center.
- Hal Sloan — Noted that jurisdiction over the proposed data center rests with the Village of Grayslake and Fremont Township rather than Avon Township, discussed potential revenue benefits to Grayslake schools, and asked that public comment remain professional and courteous.
- Maria Ruby — Spoke to the educational, economic, and inequity considerations raised by the proposed data center and its potential community-wide impacts.
- Amy Frick — Grayslake resident and local beekeeper; thanked board for allowing time on the agenda for public comment. I'm a beekeeper in Lake County and as beekeepers we're a little concerned. The earth has four years if bees die, so we have four years. These data centers have an insane impact on water and the humming that these centers put out, and bees don't like the sound. It disrupts them, and that's a big concern. The potential environmental impacts of the data center on bee populations is serious.
- Floyd Rodgers — Asked a clarifying question regarding the type of data the proposed facility would store.
- Paul Cochran — Spoke a second time regarding the broader impact of AI and data center development on employment and property taxes.
- Doug Kearney --- Asked whether the Board could take a symbolic public stance opposing the data center given the Township's lack of jurisdiction; it was noted that residents may pursue relief through applicable ordinances at the entities with jurisdiction.

V. REPORTS

Motion: Trustee Henning moved to open the Reports; seconded by Trustee Arroyo.

A. Supervisor

Supervisor Bauman did not give a report.

B. Clerk

The Clerk's report was submitted in writing as part of the Board packet in advance of the meeting.

C. Assessor

The Assessor's report was submitted in writing as part of the Board packet in advance of the meeting.

D. Highway Dept.

The Highway Department's report was submitted in writing as part of the Board packet in advance of the meeting.

Trustee Henning offered a report: while reviewing bills in the Board packet, she identified charges related to a fire inspection of the Township building. The inspection identified several violations, including blocked hallways/exits, combustible items stored up to the ceiling in storage areas, and a water heater temperature reading of 132 degrees (below the required 120-degree standard). Trustee Henning requested that the Board receive a copy of the final report once the Fire Marshal completes a follow-up inspection and clears the building. Supervisor Bauman confirmed that the final inspection is still pending and that a report would be shared with the Board once received. Trustee Henning's report has been added to the Regular Board meeting packet.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Arroyo – Aye; Trustee Henning – Aye; Trustee Nieder – Aye; Trustee Sloan – Aye; Supervisor Bauman – Aye. **Motion carried, 5–0. The Reports were accepted as presented.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the May 12, 2026 Regular Township Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Moved by Trustee Arroyo; seconded by Trustee Nieder.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Nieder – Aye; Trustee Henning – Aye; Trustee Sloan – Aye; Trustee Arroyo – Aye; Supervisor Bauman – Aye. **Motion carried, 5–0. The May 12, 2026, minutes were approved as presented.**

B. Approval of Monthly Bills as Presented (Prepaid Bills and Outstanding Bills)

Motion: Moved by Trustee Sloan; seconded by Trustee Arroyo.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Sloan – Aye; Trustee Arroyo – Aye; Trustee Henning – Aye; Trustee Nieder – Aye; Supervisor Bauman – Aye. **Motion carried, 5–0. The prepaid and outstanding bills were approved as presented.**

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Nearmap Contract

Motion: Moved by Trustee Nieder moved to open discussion; seconded by Trustee Arroyo.

Supervisor Bauman read a statement into the record regarding the history of the Nearmap contract. She stated that when the Assessor originally entered into the contract, it was for a four-year term, and that the Board had not, at that time, seen a copy of the contract or approved a multi-year commitment of that amount. She stated that at last month's meeting the Board had been told a copy of the contract was provided to the Finance Director, but that in subsequent conversation with the Finance Director she learned the contract had not, been provided as reported, and that follow-up questions had gone unanswered. ***Supervisor Bauman stated that, going forward, any contract or service commitment exceeding a previously appropriated amount must be approved by the Board before execution, or the Township may have no legal obligation to fulfill it.*** She stated that no Board action was necessary on this item and that the purpose of raising it was informational, so that all Board members had the same information.

Trustee Henning stated that the Assessor's office had been open and cooperative with the Board regarding Nearmap, and commended Trustee Sloan for personally reviewing the program. She stated that, in her view, bringing the Nearmap contract back to the agenda for a third time was unnecessary given the prior discussion and could be perceived as targeting the Assessor's office.

Supervisor Bauman responded that all Township meetings are recorded on video for transparency and encouraged residents to review the recordings and reiterated that her concern was that the Board had voted to approve the contract before ever having reviewed the written contract itself.

No motion for action was made. Per Supervisor Bauman's statement, no Board action was required on this item.

D. Discussion Only on the Vacation of Property Located at the Dead End of W Lake Ave, Round Lake (Whitewood Subdivision) (Vacant land, not Vacation property).

This item was tabled, as Highway Commissioner Bob Kula was not in attendance. Trustees Henning and Sloan sought clarification on the agenda language, questioning whether the item involved a formal vacation property; Supervisor Bauman clarified that the property is vacant land. No discussion or action was taken.

E. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Costs for a Plat of Survey for the Avon Township Center

Supervisor Bauman reported that the Township is in the process of obtaining a plat of survey in connection with a proposed shed project, as the most recent survey on file dates to 2002. She stated that she is coordinating with the Round Lake Park building inspector, who has approved the shed in concept but requires additional paperwork before

the project can proceed. One estimate for the survey has been received, in the amount of \$5,500; the Township is seeking additional estimates before proceeding. This item was carried over to next month's meeting pending receipt of additional cost estimates. No motion or vote was taken.

F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Landscaping Contract with Uriostegui Group Co.

Trustee Sloan reported that she had met with Joel Uriostegui of Uriostegui Group Co. to walk the grounds around the Township building and discuss areas of interest, including new plantings near the flagpole; Joel provided an AI-generated rendering of the proposed flagpole landscaping for the Board's reference. Uriostegui Group Co. proposed a three-phase scope of work — cleanup, mulching, and ongoing basic landscaping maintenance — for a total cost of \$2,660. Trustee Sloan noted that, due to expected rain and the time-sensitive nature of the cleanup and mulch work, the contractor was authorized to begin that portion of the work the same day after she confirmed informally with each Board member; further details of the maintenance scope will be discussed at a future Committee of the Whole ("COW") meeting. Trustee Henning complimented the flowers already planted at the front of the building.

Motion: Trustee Sloan moved to approve all three phases of the landscaping contract in the amount of \$2,660; seconded by Trustee Nieder.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Arroyo – Aye; Trustee Henning – Aye; Trustee Nieder – Aye; Trustee Sloan – Aye; Supervisor Bauman – Aye. **Motion carried, 5–0.**

G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution RS 2026-0609-001 Expressing Opposition to the Proposed T5 Data Center Development in the Village of Grayslake

Motion: Trustee Henning moved to open discussion; seconded by Trustee Arroyo.

Trustee Henning and Trustee Neider read Resolution RS 2026-0609-001 into the record in its entirety. The resolution states that Avon Township is committed to protecting the health, safety, welfare, and environmental resources of its residents; that the proposed T5 data center represents a large-scale industrial development with the potential to significantly affect neighboring communities, including Avon Township, through increased demand on electrical and water infrastructure, increased traffic and construction impacts, and noise from mechanical equipment and backup generators; and that regional development of this scale should account for its cumulative impact on neighboring jurisdictions. The resolution formally expresses the Township's opposition to the proposed development; urges the Village of Grayslake, the Lake County Board, and other applicable regulatory and reviewing authorities to fully evaluate the project's impacts on energy, water, traffic, noise, environmental quality, public infrastructure, and community character; requests a comprehensive environmental, traffic, utility, and economic impact analysis with meaningful opportunities for public participation; and directs the Township Supervisor to transmit copies of the resolution to the Grayslake Village Board, the Lake County Board Chairman and members, the Lake County Planning, Building and Development Department, state legislators representing the area, and other involved governmental agencies. The resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

Prior to the vote, Supervisor Bauman read an extended statement into the record. She thanked residents for participating and stated that their concerns had been heard. She clarified that the proposed T5 project is located within the Village of Grayslake and Fremont Township — not Avon Township — and that Avon Township has no zoning, permitting, or regulatory authority over the project and cannot approve or deny it. She stated for the record that she first learned of the proposed resolution on the afternoon of June 6, 2026, via email, and was not consulted or given an opportunity to provide input before it was placed on the agenda. She noted that, because Township agendas must be posted at least 48 hours in advance of a meeting, she did not have sufficient time after June 6 to prepare and formally submit an alternative resolution for this meeting's agenda. She stated that she had nonetheless drafted an alternative resolution — focused on transparency, accurate public information, and continued community engagement, rather than a stated position of opposition — and clarified that her alternative resolution was not before the Board for action. With the Board's and Attorney Walker's confirmation that reading it into the record would not constitute Board action, Supervisor Bauman read her alternative resolution aloud in full and made copies available to those present. Her draft acknowledged residents' concerns as legitimate, stated that Avon Township does not have permitting or zoning authority over the project, and called for continued public release of objective information from involved government agencies and utility providers regarding infrastructure, water usage, energy demand, environmental monitoring, traffic, noise mitigation, and emergency preparedness, along with ongoing opportunities for public engagement; it specified that it was not intended to expand the Township's regulatory authority nor to be read as either an endorsement or opposition to the project itself.

Supervisor Bauman stated her central objection was procedural: that as a five-member Board, she believed the resolution as drafted should have involved input from the full Board, including herself and Trustee Sloan, before being placed on the agenda. Trustee Nieder: But I did bring it up at the meeting. You said in the COW you were upset that I brought it up in members remarks and that it wasn't in the agenda. And so, I just made sure it was in the agenda and now you're upset that it was in the agenda. Supervisor Bauman: No, no, no. You never talked about setting a resolution. So, I apologize, but what I really believe is this board should work together. It should not just be two people or three people because you cut us out and we could have seen your side or you could have seen our side, and we could find a compromise. Clerk Repa confirmed that all standard packet deadlines had been met and asked Attorney Walker to clarify procedure; Attorney Walker confirmed that the agenda item before the Board was action on the resolution as posted.

Motion: Trustee Henning moved to accept the resolution as presented; seconded by Trustee Arroyo.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Sloan – Aye; Trustee Henning – Aye; Trustee Nieder – Aye; Trustee Arroyo – Aye; Supervisor Bauman – Abstain (stated for the record that she abstained because she was not given the opportunity to participate in drafting the resolution). **Motion carried, 4-0-1.**

VIII. MEMBERS' REMARKS

Supervisor Bauman thanked those in attendance for participating and encouraged residents to return to future meetings.

Trustee Sloan reminded those present that, under the Township's rules of order, public comment should be addressed to the Board as a whole rather than directed at individual members, and that it is not appropriate to call out individual members during public comment. Clerk Repa acknowledged the reminder for future meetings.

Supervisor Bauman closed by stating her commitment to the community and expressing disappointment that she had not been included in the drafting of the resolution addressed under Item G.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

X. ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

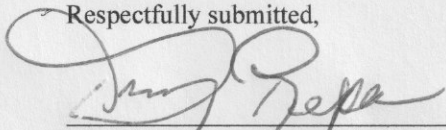
None; no executive session was held.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Trustee Arroyo; seconded by Trustee Sloan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk Repa, Avon Township Clerk's Office

Approved by the Avon Township Board on:

7/14/26