



**TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 12, 2026**

A Meeting of the Budget Committee of the Township Officials was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2026, at 1:35 P.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 404, Peoria, Illinois, to discuss the Preliminary Budgeting Process for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the Town of the City of Peoria, with proper notice having been given.

**ROLL CALL**

Budget Committee Members present: Township Supervisor LaTrina Leary, Township Assessor Andrew Couri, Township Clerk Stefanie Tarr – 3; Absent: Township Collector Jim Montelongo - 1.

Others present: Township Attorney John Redlingshafer (Electronic), Township Bookkeeper Lynn Green, Township Bookkeeper Raven Mason, Township Liaison Trustee Bernice Gordon-Young, Deputy Township Assessor Holli Heinz, Deputy Township Collector Kayla Casey, Township Assistant Ian Munk.

**MINUTES**

Township Supervisor Leary moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2025, meeting of the Township Budget Committee; seconded by Township Assessor Couri.

Approved unanimously by viva voce vote.

**PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF BUDGETING REQUIREMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2026-2027, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

Township Bookkeeper Green distributed a handout containing the General Fund Budget, General Assistance Fund Budget, and Retirement Fund Budget.

Township Clerk noted on the Clerk's budget that she requested a 2% increase in salary for Staff. Township Supervisor Leary noted that donations distributed by the Township will be paid from the General Fund rather than the General Assistance Fund to comply with State statute. Township Bookkeeper Green discussed the budget and noted a \$60,000 decrease in the General Assistance budget and a \$75,000 increase in the General Fund budget. Township Supervisor Leary stated that the General Assistance fund would be increased to comply with the State Public Aid Statute, which increased public aid amounts by \$20 per payment.

The committee was in consensus with the budget amounts as given.

Township Supervisor Leary moved to present the preliminary 2026-2027 budget of \$1,351,005.00 for the General Assistance Fund, \$937,921.71 for the General Fund, and \$65,240.00 for the Retirement Fund for a total of \$2,345,166.71, to the Town Board; seconded by Township Assessor Couri.

Approved unanimously by viva voce vote.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES,  
RESOLUTIONS, AND AGENDAS, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

Township Clerk Stefanie Tarr reviewed the proposed agenda packet for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Board of Town Trustees Meeting scheduled for April 14, 2026. Regarding the Annual Town agenda, she said there was a request for the Town Electors to vote on holding a Special Town Meeting. Township Attorney Redlingshafer reviewed the procedure for the Special Town Meeting.

The Committee reviewed the Annual Board agenda. Township Supervisor Leary confirmed that Township donations would remain the same.

Township Assessor Couri moved to receive and file the Annual Town Agenda, Annual Town Board Agenda, and supporting documents; seconded by Township Supervisor Leary.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS BUDGET  
COMMITTEE**

It was determined that there were no citizens wishing to address the Township Budget Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Township Supervisor Leary moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Township Assessor Couri.

Approved unanimously by viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 P.M.

  
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Stefanie Tarr, RMC, MMC  
Town Clerk

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