

South Moline Township Special Meeting - Acquisition of Rose Lawn Cemetery Meeting minutes

July 13th, 2026

Call to Order – Clerk Craig Loken

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Clerk Loken.

Members of community present: Gregorio Aguilar, Elvia Aguilar, Luis Moreno, Maritia Griffith, Luisa Tapia, Rodrigo Tapia, Joe Lambrecht, Craig Loken, Greg Aguilar, Asha Pangrazio, Jeff Rivera, Anthony Faralli, Debra Faralli, Raegan Jones, Derek Jones, & Steven Glenn.

Township Clerk confirms the total number of Township Electors/Registered Voters present
Clerk Loken confirmed that 16 voters were present, which was a sufficient number for the special meeting. Sign-in Sheet available to SMT office for reference if needed.

Election of Moderator

Greg Aguilar nominated Steven Glenn, seconded by Luis Moreno, vote held and carried unanimously.

Oath of Moderator

Clerk Loken administered the oath of office to Steven Glenn as the moderator.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Loken.

Introductory remarks regarding purpose of meeting

Supervisor Aguilar discussed ongoing conversations with State of Illinois Comptroller and Township Attorney.

Reading of Resolution

Consideration of and action on a resolution stating the intent of the electors to acquire, accept, and assume control of the Rose Lawn Cemetery located at 6011 38th Avenue, Moline, IL, 61265 including all grounds, records, and associated responsibilities.

Motion made by Raegan Jones, second by Maritia Griffith to approve the resolution.

Discussion: Supervisor Aguilar provided overview, including positive support from members of the community. Road and Bridge has confirmed their ability to take on additional lawn maintenance including snow removal in winter. Reserves are healthy with more plots available to sustain long-term. Questions about the quality of cemetery books given the previous administrator/owner troubles. The township will look to hire and or transfer existing employee duties to cover cemetery needs. Current administrator willing to stay on to complete training. Details of the transaction were given by Clerk Loken including bill of sale along with inventory and equipment.

Road Commissioner and Resident Luis Moreno spoke in favor of the acquisition, stating that he had discussed it with all his staff on the road and bridge commission. He reported that they were "100 percent in favor" of taking care of the mowing, grounds, and snow removal at the cemetery. Moderator Aguilar outlined several advantages to township management of the cemetery:

- The township already has one cemetery and knows how to care for it
- The township has a healthy cemetery board with a good budget, making it unlikely that taxes would need to be raised
- The township's road and bridge team is already working and their wages are not as high as the city of Moline's would be
- Roselawn is financially healthy with a surplus of finances
- Roselawn has staff to help with selling plots and has contractors for digging plots and selling headstones
- The number of plots still available would allow the cemetery to be self-sustaining

Consideration and Action

Consideration of an action on an agreement for the acquisition of Rose Lawn Cemetery located at 6011 38th Avenue, Moline, IL, 61265 including all grounds, records, and associated responsibilities

Voted for in favor unanimously**Adjournment**

Motion by second by Maritia Griffith to adjourn the meeting, Second by Luis Moreno. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Loken
South Moline Township Clerk