

Regular Meeting minutes of the
Downers Grove Township Board
4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, IL
November 15, 2018

Regular Board Meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Downers Grove Township held on Thursday, November 15, 2018, 7:30 PM at 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. Call to Order:

Supervisor Thoman call the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Thoman invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Clerk Grimsby called the roll; present were Trustee Arthur P. Donner, Trustee Karen Kelly, Trustee Abby Ferguson, Trustee David Van Der Laan and Supervisor Mark Thoman. A quorum was physically present.

Elected and Appointed Officials present: Clerk Grimsby and Attorney Alongi.

Staff and visitors: Highway Commissioner Anderson, Groot representative, 1 staff member and 1 resident.

4. Public Comment:

Supervisor Thoman asked if there was anyone in the audience who had any comments to make. No residents requested to speak.

5. Motion to Approve the minutes of the Public Hearing from September 20, 2018.

Clerk Grimsby presented the minutes of the Public Hearing from September 20, 2018 for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Van Der Laan to approve the Public Hearing minutes of September 20, 2018 with a second by Trustee Kelly. Trustees Donner, Kelly, Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman voted aye. Trustee Ferguson abstained. Motion Carried (4-0).

6. Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2018.

Clerk Grimsby presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2018 for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Donner to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 18, 2018 with a second by Trustee Van Der Laan. Trustees Donner, Ferguson, Kelly, Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman voted aye. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

General Town Fund 10/18 to 10/18/18 \$ 29,753.30

General Road Fund 10/18 to 10/18/18 \$ 46,386.26

General Assistance 9/01 to 9/30/18 \$ 2,032.49

Trustee Donner made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims, motion seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. Motion to Adopt Township Road District Levy Request of \$4,197,960 for Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2020.

A motion was made by Trustee Donner to adopt Township Road District Levy Request of \$4,197,960 for Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2020, motion seconded by Trustee Kelly. Highway Commissioner Anderson stated a 4.9% Levy has been requested and that 46% of the Highway budget is distributed to different villages in the Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Donner, Ferguson, Kelly, Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman. Motion Carried. (5-0)

9. Motion to Approve Health and Dental Insurance contract for Township Employees, both to be administered by USI, The USI One Advantage, as presented.

Trustee Kelly motioned to approve the Health and Dental Insurance contract for Township Employees, both to be administered by USI, the USI One Advantage, as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Supervisor Thoman stated that beginning January 1st, along with the 2 HMOs, a Gold Level PPO option will be listed and will involve an additional expense for an employee if they wish to enroll in the PPO. Open Enrollment will begin December 1st and run through the month. Supervisor Thoman reported that our insurance rates decreased 3.4%. Roll call: Ayes: Trustees Donner, Ferguson, Kelly, Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman. Motion Carried. (5-0)

10. Motion to Approve Refuse Contract Extension with Groot as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Van Der Laan to approve Refuse Contract Extension with Groot as presented, motion seconded by Trustee Kelly. Supervisor Thoman stated this is a 5 year extension with Groot which allows Groot to contract with individual residents of the unincorporated township at a group rate. The extension provides for no increase for 2019 and 3% for years 2, 3, 4 and 5. The same pricing structure regarding refuse containers will remain the same. Roll call: Ayes: Trustees Donner, Ferguson, Kelly, Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman. Motion Carried. (5-0)

11. Motion to Approve Extension of Professional Services re: Annual Audit by Klien Hall CPA's LLC as presented.

Supervisor Thoman moved to table agenda #11 for the December 20th meeting, motion seconded by Trustee Van Der Laan. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. Supervisor's Report.

Supervisor Thoman reported that he, Trustee Kelly and Clerk Grimsby attended the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) Conference in Springfield.

13. Old Business.

Trustee Ferguson reported that the Peer Jury Program has been reinstated in some form through the Village of Downers Grove. Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Van Der Laan are very pleased with their efforts with this issue. Supervisor Thoman thanked Trustees Ferguson and Van Der Laan for their assistance.

14. New Business

Trustee Kelly reported that the Friends For Downers Grove Township Seniors (FFDGTS) has another fundraiser that is being hosted at the Country House restaurant from November 12-18th. 15% of food proceeds will be donated back to FFDGTS 501c3. Flyers available.

15. Executive Session

No motion was made to go into Executive Session.

16. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman asked for a motion to adjourn. At 7:43 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Van Der Laan, seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk