

**DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP
173rd ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 18, 2023**

MINUTES

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (the "ATM") of Downers Grove Township was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Ashyana Banquets, 1620 75th Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60516. Township Clerk Lorraine Grimsby welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Boy Scout Troop 99 posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Grimsby opened the ATM by stating that everyone had received a packet which included an Agenda, Annual Financial Statement for the Downers Grove Township's Supervisor's Office, and copies of documents pertaining to each Agenda item. The Annual Financial Statement has been posted in the lobby of Ashyana Banquets since Friday, April 14, 2023.

Clerk Grimsby went on to state that (i) the meeting will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of State law and Robert's Rules of Order, (ii) if any 15 or more registered voters in the Township have items for the Agenda, those items must be turned in to Clerk Grimsby by March 1, 2023, (iii) each speaker will be given no more than three minutes to speak, and (iv) voting will be done by voice vote unless otherwise indicated.

Clerk Grimsby introduced the Township's elected officials as: Supervisor Paul Coultrap, Highway Commissioner Andy Anderson, Trustee Abby Ferguson, Trustee David Ricordati, Trustee Mary Stoll, and Trustee Mike Ockrim. Township Attorney Allan Alongi was also present.

Clerk Grimsby stated that the legal notice is the formal notice of the ATM, contains the full Agenda, and has been published in newspapers north and south, on the Township website, at the Township building located at 4341 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515, as well as at Ashyana Banquets. Clerk Grimsby then asked for a motion to waive the reading of the legal notice. A Motion to Waive the Reading of the Legal Notice was made by Mike Hahne and seconded by Carole Kempf. There was no discussion. A majority voted in favor of the Motion to Waive the Reading of the Legal Notice and the Motion carried.

Clerk Grimsby then stated that everyone in attendance received a blue card indicating admission to the ATM, as well as confirmation that they are a registered voter in Downers Grove Township. There were a total of 81 electors in attendance. In lieu of a roll call, Clerk Grimsby asked for a Motion to Waive the Reading of Roll Call of the Electors. The Motion was made by Kathy Abbate and seconded by Barb Baker. Clerk Grimsby asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. A majority voted in favor of the Motion to Waive the Reading of Roll Call of the Electors and the Motion carried.

Clerk Grimsby then proceeded with requests for nominations for Moderator of the ATM. Barb Baker nominated Robert Berlin and was seconded by Mike Nielsen. Clerk Grimsby asked if there were any other nominations. Julia Beckman nominated Karol Sole and was seconded by Ruth Hotchkin. Clerk Grimsby asked if there were any other nominations. Clerk Grimsby then asked for a voice vote of all those in favor of Robert Berlin acting as ATM Moderator and received a number of voice votes. Clerk Grimsby then asked for a voice vote of all those opposed to Robert Berlin acting as ATM Moderator and received no opposing votes. Clerk Grimsby then asked for a voice vote of all those in favor of Karol Sole

acting as ATM Moderator and received a number of voice votes. Clerk Grimsby determined that there were more voice votes for Robert Berlin than for Karol Sole and proceeded to ask for a Motion to Appoint Robert Berlin as ATM Moderator. Jasmine Fuentes made the Motion and was seconded by Laura Hois. There were no opposing votes and no discussion. The Motion was carried via voice vote. ATM Moderator Berlin was duly sworn in.

As his first order of business, Moderator Berlin appointed Allan Alongi as Parliamentarian and Jack Novak as Sergeant at Arms.

Moderator Berlin then asked for a Motion to Waive the Reading of the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 ATM. The Motion was made by John Hakim and was seconded by Linda Painter. There was no discussion, and the Motion was carried via voice vote.

Moderator Berlin then asked for a Motion to Waive the Reading of the Financial Statements. It was determined that there were no copies of the Financial Statements included in the packets distributed to the electors. Parliamentarian Alongi procured a copy of said Financial Statements and read the entire document to the electors. Moderator Berlin then asked for a Motion to Approve the Financial Statements. A Motion to Approve the Financial Statements was made by Mike Hahne and seconded by Barb Baker. There was no opposition and no discussion. The Motion was carried by voice vote.


Moderator Berlin then asked for a Motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Specific Powers to the Township Board. Larisa Calvanese said Motion and was seconded by Barb Baker. When Moderator Berlin asked for any discussion, Karol Sole replied that there were more duties posted this year than in years past and she wanted to know why. Clerk Grimsby responded that the specific powers listed originated from the Laws & Duties Handbook issued by the Township Officials in Springfield, Illinois. Ms. Sole then engaged Supervisor Coultrap in a discussion of Downers Grove Township formally becoming a mental health district. When the discussion ended, Moderator Berlin asked for any further discussion. There was no further discussion, at which time Moderator Berlin requested a voice vote. The ayes had it and the Motion was carried.


Moderator Berlin then introduced the elected officials, who each gave a presentation on the events of the past year. In his stead, Clerk Grimsby read Assessor Greg Boltz' report. Trustee Abby Ferguson summarized the events of Senior Services on behalf of the Township.

Moderator Berlin then asked Clerk Grimsby to read the Authorization for Date for the Next ATM to be Held on April 9, 2024. Clerk Grimsby read the Authorization. A Motion to Approve the Date of April 9, 2024 for the Next ATM was made by Mary Mack and seconded by Annette McNeely. Moderator Berlin asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. A majority voted in favor of the Motion to Approve the Date of the 2024 ATM, and the Motion carried.

Moderator Berlin then called for an open forum, reminding the electors that they each had three minutes to speak. Four people spoke. Moderator Berlin then asked for a Motion to Close the Open Forum, which was made by Kathy Abbate and seconded by Barb Baker. There was no discussion, and a majority voted in favor of the Motion to Close the Open Forum. The Motion carried.

Moderator Berlin then adjourned the 173rd Annual Town Meeting at 7:51pm.


Clerk Lorraine Grimsby


Moderator Matt Caruso

