

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2015

A meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held January 15, 2015 at the Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. *Call to Order:* Supervisor Wurster called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and everyone present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. *Roll Call:* Town Clerk Hois called the roll. Board members in attendance were Trustee Abbate, Trustee Grimsby, Trustee Swanston, and Supervisor Wurster. A quorum was physically present. Supervisor Wurster called for a motion to allow Trustee Cuthbert to attend the meeting electronically, which motion was made by Trustee Grimsby and seconded by Trustee Abbate. All voted aye by roll call vote, and the motion carried. Trustee Cuthbert attended the meeting electronically by speakerphone. Attorney Alongi was present.
3. *Public Comment:* Guy Brownson a/k/a “Red” asked the Township Board to remember when reviewing bids that a refuse service provider should not add charges to its bid price, e.g. an extra fuel charge if gas prices should increase.
4. *Correspondence:* Clerk Hois received a letter dated January 7, 2015 from Paul Hinds, County Clerk requesting email addresses for all individuals affiliated with the Township, including elected officials and members of Boards or Commissions, who are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, so this years’ Statement can be sent and received electronically (via email).
5. *Minutes:* Supervisor Wurster called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 4, 2014. Trustee Grimsby made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Trustee Swanston, all voted aye.

6. *Invoices:* The Board of Trustees reviewed the invoices prior to the meeting:

General Town Fund	12/18	\$ 7,321.24
General Town Fund	01/08	\$ 8,928.75
General Town Fund	01/15	\$ 11,701.09
General Road Fund	12/16	\$ 25,336.43
General Road Fund	01/07	\$ 26,252.39
General Road Fund	01/14	\$ 39,024.88
Cemetery	01.07	\$ 2,640.00
General Assistance	12/01 to 12/30	\$ 2,200.91

Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the invoices, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby. Trustee Abbate, Trustee Grimsby, Trustee Swanston and Supervisor Wurster all voted aye. Trustee Cuthbert, who attended the meeting electronically, voted present. The motion carried.

7. *Discuss Current Year Budget:* Supervisor Wurster noted that Trustee Cuthbert had requested the current year budget item on the agenda, and invited Trustee Cuthbert to sit down with him to review the Township and Highway budgets, item by item.
8. *Discuss Preliminary Budget for the Township and Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township Road District for Fiscal Year March 1, 2015 thru February 28, 2016:* Supervisor Wurster opened the discussion regarding the preliminary budget for next year, saying the Township is doing well with the current budget, meeting all expenses. The Supervisor's office made adjustments to the preliminary budget for 2015-2016. Trustee Grimsby inquired about health insurance costs. Deputy Supervisor West provided health insurance budget amounts, as adjusted, for the Township, and separately, for the Assessor's office and for the Road District. A discussion followed regarding Township building maintenance and repair line items. Supervisor Wurster said the line item for office furniture increased, because the Township plans to purchase new office furniture to replace the furniture donated by a bank 25 years ago. Some of the furniture is more than 30 years old and is breaking down, unsafe. Supervisor Wurster said the Township is spending only what is necessary. Trustee Abbate said overall, Township does a very good job with the budget. Highway Commissioner Anderson addressed questions about Road District budget line items for storm sewer projects, truck equipment, and supplies.
9. *Approve Audit Pricing, Klein Hall & Associates, LLC:* The certified public accounting firm Klein, Hall & Associates performed the Township audit last year, for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2014, and quoted a price to do the audit again for next year (year ending February 28, 2015) for fifty dollars (\$50.00) more than last year. Trustee Grimsby suggested the auditor speak to the Board of Trustees. Supervisor Wurster agreed to invite him to present to the Board at an upcoming meeting. Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the audit pricing proposed by Klein Hall, which motion was seconded by Trustee Swanston, all voted aye, the motion carried.
10. *Supervisor's Report:* Supervisor Wurster reported;
 - (a) Emily from Clarke Mosquito and Abatement District will present to the Board of Trustees at the February 19, 2015 meeting. The Township budget is \$25,000 for mosquito abatement, to cover cost of 3 sprayings (there were two sprayings completed in the year 2014); and
 - (b) Ralph Hinkle, Milton Township plans to lower the Township price for Community Emergency Response Team ("CERT") contribution.
11. *Old Business:* Trustee Cuthbert will address old business items in the near future.
12. *New Business:* Trustee Abbate asked about the real estate parcel that is for sale, and Supervisor Wurster said he has not heard anything, not received any new offers yet.
13. *Executive Session:* Trustee Swanston made a motion to have Board of Trustees go into executive session to discuss closed meeting minutes, under 5 ILCS 120/2.06.

14. *Report Board Determination regarding Closed Session Minutes:* The Board reported in open session its decision that the Closed Session Minutes from closed sessions held on June 27, 2013 and on July 11, 2013 are no longer confidential and may be disclosed to the public. The Board reported in open session its determination that the Closed Session Minutes from September 4, 2014 should remain confidential.
15. *Adjournment:* There being no further business, Trustee Grimsby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Trustee Swanston, all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hois
Town Clerk