

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees
Downers Grove Township
4340 Prince St, Downers Grove, IL
January 16, 2020

Regular Board Meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Downers Grove Township held on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 7:30 PM at 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. Call to Order:

Supervisor Thoman called 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 Abby Ferguson, Trustee Karen Kelly and Supervisor Mark Thoman. A quorum was physically present.

Absent: Trustee Art Donner and Trustee David Van Der Laan.

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

Staff and others present: One staff member and several residents.

4. Motion to Approve Attendance by Phone for Trustees Donner and Van Der Laan

A motion was made by Trustee Kelly to Approve Attendance by Phone for Trustees Donner and Van Der Laan with a second by Trustee Ferguson. Motion carried by voice vote. Trustees Donner and Van Der Laan officially joined the meeting.

5. Public Comment:

Supervisor Thoman asked if there was anyone in the audience who had comments to make.

John Curcio spoke on behalf of their Association and neighborhood asking for assistance regarding a DuPage County Zoning Request. Mr. Curcio stated the neighborhood has lived with this issue for the last 9 years on old Rt. 66, parcel known as the You Got Junk. The property is zoned B1 but now the owner wants the property rezoned to B2 and wants the State of Illinois to relinquish their setbacks to I-55 (Stevenson) from 40 and 35 ft to 5 ft. Mr. Curcio stated the State of Illinois would lease the property if the Owner paid them \$35,000.00. The Owner stated if the DuPage County Zoning Variance was not approved regarding the setbacks, he would not go to the State to obtain the permits from them. Mr. Curcio stated the surrounding properties are zoned R-1. Mr. Curcio also stated that notices were mailed to Willowbrook, Burr Ridge, Darien residents within the

300 ft requirement and Downers Grove Township but there was no response from the Township. The owner is proposing a 12,500- 15,000 s.f. building on a ½ acre lot. Most lots in the area are quite large. Mr. Curcio provided documentation that the Owner currently cannot build anything within 50 ft of the highway. Mr. Curcio also stated there are flooding issues in that area. Mr. Curcio asked for Board support by sending a letter to DuPage County Zoning and denying any setback variances on the property.

George Logan also spoke about the above property and the MFDK whereby the owner is also going for a B-2 (business license that would expand the number of businesses on that parcel). Mr. Logan also asked the Board for support on denying the B1 to B2 rezoning, and no variances for the business license and no variances on the property.

Brian Roman also stated the area is mostly residential with approximately 200 homes and asked for the Board to support their request by denying the variances.

Supervisor Thoman stated that he will provide copies of the packet to the Board members and contact the County to get the details and process on this parcel.

Resident Karol Sole stated that Agendas for the meetings must be posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting and according to the website. Ms. Sole stated the agenda was posted on January 16, 2020. Clerk Grimsby responded that she will check on this issue.

6. Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2019.

Clerk Grimsby presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2019 for review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2019 as presented with a second by Trustee Kelly. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

General Town Fund	1/6 to 1/15/20	\$ 16,480.38
General Road Fund	1/6 to 1/15/20	\$ 156,048.77
General Assistance	12/01 to 12/31/19	\$ 5,657.89
Capital Improvement	1/14 to 1/15/20	\$ 44,850.00

Trustee Kelly made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims, motion seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Motion carried by voice vote. Trustees Donner and Van Der Laan abstained.

8. Information presentation on Township Level Mental Health Boards by Mike Murray, Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Auxiliary, (Not Affiliated with Bloomingdale Township Government).

Supervisor Thoman introduced Mr. Mike Murray from Bloomingdale Township, although he is not affiliated with Township Government, but one of the people who helped create the Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Board.

Mr. Murray thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting and he had the pleasure of meeting the Life Skills employees of the Township. Mr. Murray is part of the Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Auxiliary and they were the grassroots group that organized the Referendum to have the question placed on the ballot for Bloomingdale Township. Mr. Murray stated that when the Referendum passed, people were surprised because the Mental Health Board is covered under the Illinois Statute and it does involve a property tax levy for the Mental Health Board. Currently, Bloomingdale Township has the only Mental Health Board in DuPage County and Mr. Murray would like to see this expanded. The Mental Health Board does operate as a community insurance policy for everyone. Mental health boards are not providers; therefore, they would not be providing any direct services. Mental health boards cannot duplicate funding. Initially, the mental health boards would study the communities through a survey of needs to obtain accurate information. Second, the mental health board would setup a plan and community goals. One important function of the Township Board would be to provide grants through both profit and non-profits to meet the needs of the Community.

Several residents asked questions. (the full video is available at: dgtownship.com, under Clerk, videos.)

If this moves forward, it was felt that a Referendum should be placed on the ballot for voters to decide.

9. Supervisor's Report.

Supervisor Thoman announced that Public Hearings for the Tentative Budget and Appropriations will be held at the February 20, 2020 meeting of the Downers Grove Township Board of Trustees starting at 7:00 PM.

10. Old Business.

No Old Business was brought forward.

11. New Business

No New Business was brought forward.

12. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman asked for a Motion to Adjourn. At 8:31 PM, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk