

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Downers Grove Township Board  
4340 Prince St., Downers Grove, IL 60515  
January 21, 2021

1. Call to Order:

Supervisor Thoman called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

Supervisor Thoman noted the requirements of tonight's meeting, that he was physically present at the normal meeting location as required, that he would make all the Motions as allowed by Township statute, and that all votes would be Roll Call votes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

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

3. Roll Call:

Clerk Grimsby called the roll. Present via Zoom were Trustee Karen Kelly, Trustee Art Donner and Trustee Van Der Laan. Trustee Abby Ferguson joined the meeting at 7:47 PM. Supervisor Mark Thoman and Clerk Lorraine Grimsby were present in person.

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

Staff and others present: 1 staff member. Others present via Zoom: Ms. Winingham, Ms. Vazquez, Mr. Kirschbaum, Ms. Sole and Ms. Lemanski.

4. Motion to Conduct the January Board of Trustee Meeting Electronically.

A motion was made by Supervisor Thoman to Conduct the January Board of Trustee Meeting electronically. Trustee Donner seconded the motion. There was no Trustee discussion. Roll Call vote: Trustee Kelly – aye, Trustee Donner – aye, Trustee Van Der Laan, Supervisor Thoman – aye. Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Absent – 1.

5. Public Comment:

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

Ms. Vazquez Thanked Supervisor Thoman for serving Downers Grove Township for the past 4 years. No other comments were provided.

6. Motion to Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2020 As Presented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Thoman to Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020, with a second by Trustee Kelly. No Trustee comments.

Supervisor Thoman stated that Trustee Ferguson joined the meeting at this time.

Roll Call vote: Trustee Ferguson – aye, Trustee Kelly – aye, Trustee Donner – aye, Trustee Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman – aye. Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Abstain – 1.

7. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

General Town Fund	1/20 to 1/20/2021	\$ 17,006.95
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General Road Fund	1/19 to 1/19/2021	\$ 59,522.47
General Assistance	12/1 to 12/31/2020	\$ 1,784.27
Capital Improvement	1/20 to 1/20/2021	\$317,688.00

A motion was made by Supervisor Thoman to Approve the Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. No Trustee comments.

Roll Call vote: Trustee Ferguson – aye, Trustee Kelly – aye, Trustee Donner – aye, Trustee Van Der Laan, Supervisor Thoman – aye. Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

8. Motion to Approve. Amended IGA with County Extending the End Date for CARES Funding to March 1, 2021. (Roll Call Vote)

A motion was made by Supervisor Thoman to Approve Amended IGA with County Extending the End Date for CARES Funding to March 1, 2021. Trustee Donner seconded the motion.

Trustee Kelly stated this was a big help with funding and will helping out a lot with funding people in need.

Supervisor Thoman stated that he was pleased the date was extended.

Roll Call vote: Trustee Ferguson – aye, Trustee Kelly – aye, Trustee Donner – aye, Trustee Van Der Laan – aye, and Supervisor Thoman – aye. Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

9. Highway Department Budget presentation and discussion.

Supervisor Thoman stated the Budget and Appropriations Road District was distributed to Board members and will be hung and posted on the website shortly.

Supervisor Thoman asked each Trustee if they had any questions or comments.  
No Trustee comments.

Supervisor Thoman reminded the Board that the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Road District Public Hearing will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

10. General Fund Budget presentation and discussion.

Supervisor Thoman stated the Budget and Appropriations General Fund Ordinance was distributed to Board members and will be hung and posted on the website.

Supervisor Thoman asked each Trustee if they had any questions or comments.  
No Trustee comments.

Supervisor Thoman reminded the Board that the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance General Fund Public Hearing will begin at 7:15 PM on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

11. Supervisor's Report.

Supervisor Thoman stated that the 30-day window for posting the Budget and Appropriates and newspaper notice was missed. Supervisor Thoman made a Motion to Move the Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustee meeting to Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner.

Roll Call vote: Trustee Ferguson – aye, Trustee Kelly – aye, Trustee Donner – aye, Trustee Van Der Laan – aye, and Supervisor Thoman – aye. Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

The Budget and Appropriations for the General Fund and Road District will be posted on the website and hallway and newspaper notice will be provided. Public Hearings will begin at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Thoman stated that completion of the new Senior Center should be completed in the next few weeks. With the State still shut down, there will not be an official grand opening. Kitchen equipment is being brought in and punch list will be completed. A meeting with the Village of Downers Grove and Community Development and conditional occupancy permit will be held next week.

12. Old Business.

Supervisor Thoman asked if anyone had any Old Business.

Trustee Ferguson wished to Thank Supervisor Thoman for all his hard work on the CARES funding. Supervisor Thoman stated that a lot of the Not-For-Profits had additional expenses with the Pandemic and a dozen organizations was provided money.

Trustee Donner also stated that there are a lot of Not-For-Profits that don't have the ability to hold fundraising events with the COVID.

13. New Business.

Trustee Ferguson asked about her joining the meeting a few minutes late. Supervisor Thoman stated that her time of joining the meeting was announced.

14. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Kelly.

Roll Call vote: Trustee Ferguson-aye, Trustee Kelly – aye, Trustee Donner – aye, Trustee Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Thoman again announced that the February meeting will now be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Public Hearings will be held prior to the Regular Board meeting and any Budget and Appropriation questions will be addressed at that time.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk