

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
February 6, 2016
9:30 a.m.

A meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held February 6, 2016 at the Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. *Call to Order:* Supervisor Wurster called the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m., and everyone present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. *Roll Call:* Town Clerk Hois called the roll. Board members responding were Trustee Abbate, Trustee Boltz, Trustee Grimsby and Supervisor Wurster. Trustee Cuthbert arrived just after the roll call was taken. All Board members attended. Assessor Cockrell and Highway Commissioner Anderson were also present.
3. *Public Comment:* Mark Kamin from Golfview Hills subdivision said work is needed on streets, trees, signage and drainage in subdivision. Commissioner Anderson said he would ask the County about a pollution drainage permit.
4. *Budget Workshop:* Supervisor Wurster invited those attending to sit around the workshop table with the Board members as budgets were discussed. Trustee Abbate confirmed the Township budget document was the same one distributed to the Trustees previously. Supervisor Wurster suggested a line-by-line review.

The Board started with line 310, discussed and asked questions about each line item, Deputy Christina West assisted Supervisor Wurster in providing answers and clarifications. Mark Thoman asked if the DHS contract and budget can be distributed to Trustees, Supervisor Wurster said yes he would provide copies.

An extra \$2,500 was added to the cost of the annual Township audit. Trustee Grimsby received assurance that the Township does not do pension spiking.

Discussion followed regarding the condition of the Township building and repair work that has been completed recently, including cleaning of drains and gutters, roof inspection estimating the roof is good for another ten (10) years, windows caulked and sealed, and tuckpoint expert confirmed brick exterior in good shape.

Assessor Cockrell presented proposed modifications to assessor line items in the budget to allow for staff changes and additions, and provided salary information.

Next, Board members reviewed Highway Commissioner's proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and fiscal year expenses from March 1, 2015 forward.

Trustee Grimsby inquired about electronic recycling, and Commissioner Anderson said the cost of disposing of a TV now ranges from \$20 to \$60, so

bringing an old TV to Best Buy now appears to be the best option. He said drastic cost increases caused the Township to discontinue its electronic recycling program, however, the Highway Department is currently working to find ways to resume to program in cooperation with recycling companies and others.

Discussion continued regarding the Highway Commission's budgetary needs. Commissioner Anderson said he hopes that with fuel prices coming down that the cost of road paving will come down, as well. A suggestion was made to ask the electors at the Annual Town Meeting on April 12, 2016 for authority to move funds from the Supervisor's account to the Highway Department, as needed.

5. *Adjournment:* Trustee Boltz made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Trustee Grimsby, and all voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hois
Town Clerk