

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Downers Grove Township Board
4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, IL
February 15, 2018

Regular Board Meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Downers Grove Township held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 7:30 PM at 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. Call to Order:

Supervisor Thoman call the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

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

3. Roll Call:

Clerk Grimsby called the roll; present were Trustee Arthur P. Donner, Trustee Abby Ferguson, Trustee Karen Kelly, Trustee David Van Der Laan and Supervisor Mark Thoman. A quorum was physically present.

Elected and Appointed Officials present: Clerk Grimsby, Assessor Boltz and Attorney Alongi.

Staff and others present included some personnel and some residents.

4. Public Comment:

Supervisor Thoman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak during Public Comment. Ms. Moy and Vasquez expressed their support of reinstating the Peer Jury program.

5. Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2018.

Clerk Grimsby presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2018 for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Van Der Laan to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 25, 2018 with a second by Trustee Donner, all voted aye. Motion Carried.

6. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

General Town Fund	2/01 to 2/15/18	\$ 42,991.77
General Road Fund	2/01 to 2/14/18	\$ 53,427.88
General Assistance	1/01 to 1/31	\$ 16,450.35

Trustee Kelly made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims, motion seconded by Trustee Ferguson, all voted aye. Motion Carried.

7. Gary Ostrowski: Presentation on job duties.

As part of an educational series for new board members, Gary Ostrowski provided an overview of his job duties as Director of General Assistance, Emergency Assistance, LIHEAP, curator for Oak Hill/Oak Crest cemeteries, Passport agent and Weed Control commissioner.

8. Motion to Approve the FY 2018-2019 Township Employee Manual.

Trustee Donner moved to Approve the FY 2018-2019 Employee Manual, motion seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Following approval, Supervisor Thoman stated each employee will receive a copy to sign acknowledging they have read and provide receipt of document.

9. Motion to approve contract with Reef LLC of Chicago IL as low bidder on proposal to construct first floor modifications.

Trustee Donner moved to approve contract with Reef LLC of Chicago IL as low bidder, \$83,000.00 on proposal to construct first floor modifications, motion seconded by Trustee Kelly, all voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Motion to approve Dial-A-Ride contract addendum.

Trustee Donner moved to table this agenda item to next month as more information will be available, motion seconded by Trustee Van Der Laan, all voted aye. Motion carried.

11. Motion to Approve a contract with Ashyana Banquets as Location for the Township Annual Town Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

Trustee Van Der Laan moved to approve the contract with Ashyana Banquets as the location for the Township Annual Town Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, motion seconded by Trustee Ferguson, all voted aye. Motion carried.

12. Discussion of Preliminary Budget for the Township and Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township Road District for Fiscal Year – March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

The Budget and draft Appropriation Ordinance was hung on February 7, 2018 and posted on the Township website. Public Hearing for Adoption of Township Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:00 PM on March 15, 2018. Public Hearing for Township budget will be held at 7:15 PM on March 15, 2018. The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will begin at 7:30 PM.

13. Peer Jury Update

Trustee Van Der Laan stated that over the past 2 months that he and Trustee Ferguson have met with various stake holders and those with knowledge of the Peer Jury program. Through the process, we gained a greater understanding of how the Township administered the Peer Jury program, especially compared to how Peer Jury programs are administered elsewhere. Trustee Van Der Laan provided examples of time and efforts between the Township run program and other municipal agencies. On Monday, February 12th, a meeting was held with Police Chiefs from several villages. At that meeting, the Police chief and officers from Hinsdale affirmed the value of Peer Jury as a court diversion program and a tool for dealing with juvenile offenders. In short, they would like to see Peer Jury continue in some form. They also indicated an openness to having Peer Jury run at a municipal level so long as there is cooperation among municipalities and a point of contact for coordination. However, they stated that any such program would require approval from the governing body of their respective municipalities. Coincidentally, we understand that the Downers Grove Village Council is considering directing staff to prepare a draft operating process to reinstate the Peer Jury program. We welcome the Village to study this issue and would like to work collaboratively with the Village of Downers Grove to determine whether the Peer Jury

program can be run more efficiently at the municipal level. If that is the case, we would be happy to discuss with the Village how the township could assist with the transition and what supportive role the Township could play in the future. As one example, the township could serve as an ongoing source of referrals for drug or alcohol counseling services for juvenile offenders. We learned earlier this week that Hinsdale's Chief of Police is interested in exploring a partnership alongside the Village of Downers Grove. So we believe the Village of Downers Grove should consider what role the Village of Hinsdale Police Dept could play in the future of Peer Jury. Trustee Van Der Laan stated that both he and Trustee Ferguson would be happy in taking part in the conversation between the two villages. In sum, rather than recommending a decision by this board to be made independent of the decision by the Downers Grove Village Council, we recommend meeting with the Downers Grove Village staff with the task of preparing the draft operating process and with the appropriate personnel from the Village of Hinsdale and Police Department in order to jointly consider the best and most efficient future for the Peer Jury program.

14. Supervisor's Report.

a. Supervisor Thoman stated that he attended a presentation at Mays Lake. We will look into replacing shrubs and plants that have died around the building with some bushes and shrubs that are favorable to attract butterflies, dragonflies and bees .

15. Old Business.

No Old Business was brought forward.

16. New Business

No New Business was brought forward.

17. Executive Session

a. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

b. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Consideration of Probable and Imminent Litigation.

Trustee Ferguson moved to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06, and Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Consideration of Probable and Imminent Litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner. Roll call vote: Trustee Donner, aye; Trustee Ferguson, aye; Trustee Kelly, aye; Trustee Van Der Laan, aye; Supervisor Thoman, aye. Motion carried 5-0. Time: 7:54 PM. Supervisor Thoman stated we are adjourned to Executive Session and we do not anticipate a vote upon return.

13. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Trustee Van Der Laan moved to reconvene to Open Session, motion seconded by Trustee Kelly. Roll Call vote: Trustee Donner – aye; Trustee Ferguson-aye; Trustee Kelly-aye; Trustee Van Der Laan-aye; Supervisor Thoman-aye. Motion carried. 5-0 Time: 8:26 PM

19. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman asked for a motion to Adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Ferguson and it was seconded by Trustee Van Der Laan, all voted aye. Motion Carried. Time: 8:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted:
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk