

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held February 16, 2016 at the Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. *Call to Order:* Supervisor Thoman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and everyone present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. *Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum:* Clerk Hois called the roll. Board members in attendance were Trustee Abbate, Trustee Boltz, Trustee Cuthbert, Trustee Grimsby, and Supervisor Thoman, establishing that a quorum was present. Attorney Alongi and Highway Commissioner Anderson were also present.
3. *Public Comment:* Trustee Boltz announced that Assessor Theresa Cockrell had passed away, visitation services were held for her on February 15, 2017, and asked for a moment of silence to honor her. Silence followed. Supervisor Thoman invited attendees to make public comment. There was no response; he said there will be more opportunities to make comments during the meeting.
4. *MINUTES OF Board Meeting from January 19, 2017, Motion to accept the minutes as presented:* Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the January 19, 2017 Minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, all voted aye, and the motion carried.
5. *TRUSTEE AUDIT and Approval of Bills and Claims, Motion to approve Bills and Claims as presented:*

General Town Fund	02/16 to 02/18	\$ 24,654.85
General Road Fund	02/15 to 02/15	\$143,290.01
General Assistance	01/01 to 01/31	\$ 2,884.76

Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve bills and claims as presented, seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, four members of the Board voted aye, Trustee Cuthbert voted present, and the motion carried.

6. *UPDATE – Frank Hillegonds, GROOT Industries Sold Waste Hauling Services:* Frank Hillegonds extended his condolences to Theresa Cockrell’s family and friends, said Assessor Cockrell was helpful and responsive when assisting GROOT to send mailings to the residents in the unincorporated areas of the Township. Mr. Hillegonds said GROOT had merged with Waste Connections, the fourth largest waste hauling company in the U.S., which merger did not affect the Township’s contract and there is no need to amend the contract which remains in full force and effect, as GROOT was the surviving entity of the merger. Mr. Hillegonds said

the transition was challenging at first because a lot of residents wanted to opt out, but since then many of those residents came back to sign on for services with GROOT when they realized it was a better deal. The price is right, the carts are free, there is one provider, which helps the condition of the roads. He said 3,045 households have elected the unlimited pickup at the \$19/month rate. Twenty five percent of those served receive the senior rate, and no one has signed up for the two-container program and GROOT is not selling many yard waste stickers. The Trustees said they are receiving excellent comments from residents who are very happy with the GROOT refuse hauling and recycling program. Resident Joni Gaddis said she has benefitted tremendously from it.

7. *CONTRACT with Ashyana Banquets for the Annual Town Meeting* – Trustee Abbate made a Motion to approve a contract with Ashyana Banquets as the location for the Township Annual Town Meeting, to be held Tuesday, April 11, 2017, seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, all voted aye and the motion carried.
8. *CONTRACT wordage change with TOIRMA* – Trustee Abbate made a Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract dated Effective June 1, 2017 for liability insurance, workman’s comp, and vehicle insurance through a pooled ICC, which motion was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, all voted aye and the motion carried.
9. *RES 2017 2017 -0216-1 – Regarding Trustee approval of certain banking provisions* – Trustee Abbate made a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-0216-1 approving as Designated and Authorized Banking, the Facilities listed on the Resolution, motion seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, all voted aye, motion carried.
10. *RES 2017 2017 -0216-3* –Trustee Abbate made a Motion to approve a Resolution Establishing a Policy on Recording Township Public Meetings, which motion was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, all voted aye and the motion carried.
11. *RES 2017 2017 -0216-2* – Trustee Abbate made A Motion to approve the IMRF Resolution for Participation by elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, directing IMRF Form 6.64 to be filled out for the Supervisor and Certified by the Clerk, and forwarded to IMRF, seconded by Trustee Cuthbert. Supervisor Thoman recused himself. Four of the Trustees voted aye, and the motion carried.
12. *RES 2017 2017 -0216-2* – Trustee Abbate made A Motion to approve the IMRF Resolution for Participation by elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, directing IMRF Form 6.64 to be filled out for the Highway Commissioner and Certified by the Clerk, and forwarded to IMRF, which motion was modified by Trustee Abbate to table this item for consideration at a later date. The motion as modified was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, who said the vote should be delayed until the Board has supporting evidence, more information on the time put into the position, although it is probably very likely that the Highway Commissioner is over the 1,000-hour annual requirement. Trustee Cuthbert said

it is not our role to have elected officials submit time sheets. All voted aye on the motion as modified to table this agenda item for consideration at a later date.

13. *RES 2017 2017 -0216-2* – Trustee Abbate made A *Motion to approve the IMRF Resolution for Participation by elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, directing IMRF Form 6.64 to be filled out for the Assessor and Certified by the Clerk, and forwarded to IMRF,* which motion was modified by Trustee Abbate to table this item for consideration at a later date. The motion as modified was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, who said given the tragic events of last week he suggests delaying the IMRF Form 6.64 approval until Chief Deputy Assessor Joni Gaddis speaks to whether the position requires 1,000 hours. All voted aye on the motion as modified to table this agenda item for consideration at a later date.
14. *MOT 2017-0216* – Trustee Abbate made a *Motion to approve the 2017 Downers Grove Township Employee Policy Handbook as presented.* Discussion followed expressing appreciation for the work that went into reviewing, revising, and adding an appendix to the handbook. Trustee Abbate’s motion was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, all voted aye and the motion carried.
15. *Discuss and Revise as needed proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the Township and Township Road District for Fiscal Year – March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2108:* Supervisor Thoman opened discussion on the budgets, the Trustees said they had reviewed line items with Supervisor Thoman individually and would continue to review. Trustee Boltz complimented Christina West, Kim Hernandez and Highway Commissioner Anderson on the work they did to prepare the proposed ordinances. Public hearings on the proposed ordinances will be held prior to the next regular Board meeting on March 16, 2017 at 7:00 (road district) and 7:15 p.m. (township) at 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove.
16. *Supervisor’s Report:* Supervisor Thoman said he will attend:
 - a. homeowners association meeting at Golfview Estates Friday night February 17, 2017, and
 - b. homeowners association coffee for unincorporated area representatives and residents to be held in the Township Board meeting room Saturday, February 18, 2017 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The Downers Grove Township has over 15,000 residents who live in the unincorporated areas. Supervisor Thoman invited public comment. Ardyth D. Krause asked if the Highway Department maintains 70 lane miles of roadway or 70 miles of full road, Commissioner Anderson answered 70 miles full road.

17. *Old Business:* NONE.

18. *New Business:* Trustee Grimsby said Willowbrook is planning its 3rd annual Spring Fling 2017 - 5K run and kids 1-mile fun run, Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Community Park in Willowbrook, IL, to include a face painter, a DJ, bounce houses and various local vendors; benefactors: Kiwanis of Willowbrook/Burr Ridge and the Gateway Special Recreation Association.

19. *Trustee Reports:* NONE.

20. *Executive Session:* NONE.

21. *Motion to Adjourn:* There being no further business, Trustee Abbate made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, all voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hois
Town Clerk

The next regular Downers Grove Township Board Meeting will be held March 16, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearings on budgets will be held prior to the March 16, 2017 Board Meeting:

1. *7:00 p.m. - Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township Road District Budget on Road Purposes for Fiscal Year beginning March 1, 2017 and ending February 28, 2018.*
2. *7:15 p.m. - Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Downers Grove for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2017 and ending February 28, 2018.*