

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of  
Downers Grove Township Board of Trustees  
4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515  
February 23, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

Trustee Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Ferguson invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

Clerk Grimsby called the roll. Present were Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Ockrim, Trustee Ricordati and Trustee Stoll. Absent: Supervisor Coultrap.

Elected and Appointed Officials present were Allen Alongi, Township Attorney, and Township Clerk, Lorraine Grimsby.

Others present: Ms. Karol Sole and Ms. Marybeth Carlson

**4. Public Comment**

Trustee Ferguson asked if there was anyone who had comments to make.

Public Comment can be viewed at: [dgtownship.com/transparency](http://dgtownship.com/transparency).

With no further comments or discussion, Trustee Ferguson ended the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**5. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting from January 19, 2023 as Presented**

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting from January 19, 2023, as Presented. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ockrim. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", and Trustee Ricordati, "Aye". Trustee Ferguson, "Abstain". Ayes-3. Nay-0. Abstain-1. Absent – 1. Motion carried.

**6. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting from January 19, 2023 as Presented**

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting from January 19, 2023 as Presented. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", and Trustee Ricordati, "Aye". Trustee Ferguson, "Abstain". Ayes-3. Abstain-1. Absent-1. Motion carried

**7. Motion to Approve the Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims, as Presented**

General Town Fund	2/01/2023 to 2/28/2023	\$116,526.43
General Road Fund	2/01/2023 to 2/28/2023	\$ 78,758.08

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims, as Presented, and the Motion was seconded by Trustee Stoll. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye". Ayes-4. Absent-1. Motion carried.

**8. Motion to Approve the Proposal to Provide Professional Audit Services to Downers Grove Township by Selden Fox.**

Trustee Ferguson stated that the Proposal to Provide Professional Audit Services to Downers Grove Township by Selden Fox will be tabled until the March 2023 meeting.

**9. Motion to Approve updated Nuisance Weed, Grass, Brush and Tree Ordinance.**

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the updated Nuisance Weed, Grass, Brush and Tree Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ockrim. There was no Trustee discussion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**10. Motion to Approve updated Resolution 2023-0223-1, Resolution Regarding Township Mowing Policy.**

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the updated Resolution 2023-0223-1, Resolution Regarding Township Mowing Policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ockrim. There was no Trustee discussion.

The motion passed unanimously by Voice Vote.

**11. Motion to Approve General Town Fund Budget 23-24 as Presented.**

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the General Town Fund Budget 23-24. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye". Ayes-4. Absent-1. Motion carried.

**12. Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor reported on the following:

- Trustee Ferguson provided highlights of the monthly events. Brochures available on line at [dgtownship.com](http://dgtownship.com)
- For classes and events at the Township Senior Center, please register at:

Register at: [humanservices@dgtownship.com](mailto:humanservices@dgtownship.com) or 630-719-6670

**13. Assessor's Report**

- 1/1/22 assessment process is complete through the Board of Review stage.
- We are receiving some PTAB appeal notices.
- Anticipate closing the books for 1/1/23 (General Reassessment year) about the same timeframe as 1/1/22 (September) or slightly earlier.

**14. Highway Commission Report**

In the past month the Highway Department has been working on the following projects:

- The weather in the New Year has been relatively mild. Our crew only salted and plowed a couple times in the past month. Most of the events we have encountered turned to rain and a few left us with totals greater than an inch.

- Crews spent several days making sure inlets were opened and able to take all the surface runoff.
- Several days were devoted to fixing potholes with cold mix. These potholes pop up because of the freeze thaw cycles we are exposed to in the Midwest and are a constant source of aggravation to our residents during the winter. They can pop up overnight and are hard to keep up with.
- Our tree crew has been busy picking up downed limbs which fell during several of the windy days over the last month. They have also been working on cutting back brush in the right of ways as well as trimming trees off our work orders.
- We have also spent time replacing worn out and damaged intersection, and road signs in several of our subdivisions. All the intersection signs, and many of the road signs we replace are made for us by the County which costs considerably less than purchasing them through sign companies.

**15. Old Business**

There was no old business presented.

**16. New Business**

There was no new business presented.

**17. Motion to Move to Executive Session**

No Executive Session

**18. Motion to Return to Open Session**

**19. Closed Session Report**

There was no Closed Session report.

**20. Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, Trustee Ferguson called for a Motion to Adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ockrim. The Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The next Downers Grove Township Board Meeting will be held on March 16, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorraine Grimsby, Township Clerk