

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of
Downers Grove Township Board of Trustees
4341 Saratoga Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515
March 21, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Coultrap called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

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

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

Others present: Ms. Brown, Ms. Burton, Ms. Luessow, Ms. Pusgoale, Ms. Slough, Ms. Bielak, Ms. Smolinski, Ms. Sole.

4. Public Comment

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

Comments can be viewed at: dgtownship.com

With no further comments or discussion, Supervisor Coultrap ended the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

5. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Public Hearings for DG Twp Highway and DG Twp General Fund, IMRF, General Assistance and DG Board Meeting for February 22 , 2024, as Presented.

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Public Hearings for DG Twp Highway and DG Twp General Fund, IMRF, General Assistance and DG Twp Board Meeting from February 22, 2024 as Presented. Trustee Ricordati seconded the Motion. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Trustee McCloy "Aye" Trustee Ferguson, "Aye" and Supervisor Coultrap "Aye". Absent: Trustee Ockrim. Motion carried.

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

General Town Fund	3/01/2024 to 3/31/2024	\$ 46,774.11
General Road Fund	3/01/2024 to 3/31/2024	\$107,587.79

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

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Trustee McCloy "Aye" Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", and Supervisor Coultrap "Aye". Absent: Trustee Ockrim. Motion carried.

7. Motion to Approve the 2024/2025 Groot Industries Inc. contract as Presented.

Mr. Jeff Mulnar, Groot Industries, made a brief presentation on the many options provided to residents to meet their needs. (Full presentation can be viewed at: dgtownship.com)

Supervisor Coultrap also stated this is a 7 year contract which provides a lot of options for residents. Hi-light of some options provided: fixed rates, yard waste pickup, senior discounts, a new option of vacation time holds, and NO Surcharge for fuel.

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the 2024 Groot Industries, Inc contract as presented. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Trustee McCloy "Aye" Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", and Supervisor Coultrap "Aye". Absent: Trustee Ockrim. Motion carried.

8. Motion to Approve Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management contract as Presented.

Trustee Ricordati made a Motion to Approve the Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management contract as Presented. The Motion was seconded by Trustee McCloy. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Trustee McCloy "Aye" Trustee Ferguson, "Aye" and Supervisor Coultrap "Aye". Absent: Trustee Ockrim. Motion carried.

9. Motion to Approve the 2024/2025 Landscape Images Contract for Lawn Services at Oak Hill/Oak Crest Cemetery, Township Administration Bldg and Senior Services Bldg.

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the 2024/2025 Landscape Images Contact for Lawn Services at Oak Hill/Oak Crest Cemetery and Township Administration Bldg and Senior Services Bldg as Presented. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Trustee McCloy "Aye" Trustee Ferguson, "Aye" and Supervisor Coultrap "Aye". Absent: Trustee Ockrim. Motion carried.

10. Motion to Approve 2024 Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

Supervisor Coultrap stated the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM at Chucks Southern Comfort Restaurant, 8025 S. Cass Ave, Darien, IL. Doors open at 6:15 for check-in.

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Trustee McCloy "Aye" Trustee Ferguson, "Aye" and Supervisor Coultrap "Aye". Absent: Trustee Ockrim. Motion carried.

11. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Coultrap thanked the residents present for attending the Board meeting. Supervisor Coultrap stated that attendance continues to rise for Senior Services, Passports and the Medical Lending Closet and the social events that are listed in the Brochure. The Medical Lending Closet has seen an increase in loans of medical equipment and General Assistance continues to rise and for LiHeap Assistance.

For classes and events at the Township Senior Center, please register at:

Register at: humanservices@dgtownship.com or 630-719-6670

12. Senior Center Report: Trustee Ricordati:

Trustee Ricordati reiterated the very popular events that are listed in the Senior Brochure and provided statistics for increased attendance. The popular Blood Pressure Clinic is offered once a month and Tai Chi is very popular. Trustee Ricordati Ricordati stressed the importance of everyone taking our Brochures to meetings and events and spreading the word.

Brochure event schedules are available at: <https://www.dgtownship.com/senior-services/>

13. Assessor's Report

No report.

14. Highway Commissioner Report:

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

* All the mailboxes damaged by snow events in January have been repaired and or replaced. This year's total still stands at eleven.

* Our tree crew has been out with our track hoe and shredder doing brush cutbacks along some of our roads. We have cut back along Clarendon Hills Rd, 61st St, Lee Ave and Sherman Ave in the Gardens, Nielsen Ln off of Rt 83, Jackson St off of Bluff Rd, Bluff Rd by Rachel Ct, 81st St by the creek in Timberlake North Subdivision and South Frontage Rd from Western Ave to Elm Ct in Timberlake South subdivision.

* Crews went out with cold mix and patched many pot holes on our roads.

* Our tree crew trimmed trees off of our trim list in Farmingdale South subdivision and off of Summer Ln.

* Crews spent a couple of days cleaning inlets ahead of the rains which occurred in the early part of March.

Two basins were completely filled with leaves and debris and had to be shoveled out by hand using a post hole digger and shovel.

* Crews replaced or installed signs in several different subdivisions. Two stop signs were replaced after they were struck in Brookeridge subdivision and an intersection sign was replaced in Tri-State Village.

* And finally, our crew did vehicle, shop and sign inventory. This is done each year and placed into a report to TOIRMA, our insurance company.

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 pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) and Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).

No Closed Session

18. Motion to Return to Open Session

Not necessary.

19. Closed Session Report

None.

20. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Coultrap called for a Motion to Adjourn. Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati. The Motion was carried by voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Grimsby, Township Clerk