

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Trustees  
Downers Grove Township  
4340 Prince St, Downers Grove, IL  
April 16, 2020

Regular Board Meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Downers Grove Township held on Thursday, April 16, 2020, 7:30 PM at 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. Call to Order:  
Supervisor Thoman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance:  
Supervisor Thoman invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call:  
Clerk Grimsby called the roll. Present were Trustee Art Donner and Supervisor Mark Thoman.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders issued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor's Executive Order 2020-07, issued on March 16, 2020, suspends the Open Meetings Act provision relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body. Specifically, the Governor's Order: (1) suspends the requirement in Section 2.01 that "members of a public body must be physically present;" and (2) suspends the limitations in Section 7 on when remote participation is allowed.

Trustees present via telephone: Trustee Abby Ferguson, Trustee Karen Kelly and Trustee David Van Der Laan. A quorum was physically present.

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

Staff and others present: One staff member and two residents.

4. Public Comment:  
Supervisor Thoman asked if there was anyone in the audience who had comments to make.

Resident Michael Hahne about the proposed Town Center building contract. Mr. Hahne stated that with the present economic situation that the new construction should be put on hold for a while because with the pandemic, we could be heading into difficult financial times or possibly a depression.

Supervisor Thoman proceeded to read all email comments into the public record.  
Comments received from:

“Mr. Jack Walzak (Downers Grove), Mr. Paul Flood (Clarendon Hills), Mr. Robert Petranek (Downers Grove), Ms Judy Pokorny (Downers Grove), Mr. Manuel Fernandez (Hinsdale), Mr. Ron Vining (Downers Grove), Ms. Eileen Fitzgerald (Downers Grove), Mr. Jim McCarthy (Hinsdale), Mr. T. Drew Mitchell (Hinsdale), Mr. Jack Novak (Downers Grove), Ms. Marybeth Glenn (Downers Grove), Mr. Lisa Rasin (Downers Grove), Ms. Mureen Kevin (Clarendon Hills), Ms. Maureen Wood (Naperville), Mr. Frank Wurster (Downers Grove), Ms. Gayle Wagner (Downers Grove), Mr. John Hakim (Hinsdale), Ms. Mary Ferguson (Plainfield), Ms. Janet Garreau (LaGrange), Ms. Kathy Abbate (Darien), Ms. Marilyn Krolak (Lombard), Ms. Marge Earl (Commissioner, Downers Grove), Ms. Kerry Quirin (Downers Grove), Mr. Bill McQuarters (Downers Grove), Mr. Noel Manley (Darien), Mr. George Goodwin (Downers Grove), and Ms. Pat Klebenow (Westmont). Ms. Karol Sole, via online attendance, stated that it appears the majority of the comments were to move forward with the project. (A PDF of all comments will be posted on the website with the Minutes.)”

Assessor Boltz provided a report on the current status of the Assessor’s Office and the new social distancing guidelines and tax payments.

5. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from March 19, 2020 as presented.

Clerk Grimsby presented the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from March 19, 2020 for review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee Donner to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting from March 19, 2020 as presented with a second by Supervisor Thoman. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. (PDF of comments will be included with approved minutes on our website along with the video of meeting).

6. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

General Town Fund	4/15 to 4/15/20	\$ 18,090.48
General Road Fund	4/15 to 4/15/20	\$ 40,006.91
General Assistance	3/01 to 03/31/20	\$ 2,407.89
Capital Improvement	4/15/20	\$ 17,700.00

A motion was made by Supervisor Thoman to Approve the Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner and unanimously approved by voice vote. Trustee Kelly sent her approval via email.

7. Motion to Approve a General Contractor for the Township Multi-Purpose Senior Center project.

A motion was made by Supervisor Thoman to Approve a General Contractor for the Township Multi-Purpose Senior Center project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner. Supervisor Thoman stated that this motion is to approve EB Doyle & Son, LLC as the general contractor for the construction of the new multi-purpose senior center.

Trustee Ferguson wished to thank everyone for their comments. Trustee Ferguson stated that with the current circumstances that she has concerns moving forward with construction at this time.

Trustee Kelly also thanked everyone for providing their comments. Trustee Kelly stated that expanded senior services are needed, but with the current circumstances and financial uncertainty, the project should be delayed.

Trustee Donner stated that he is in full support of moving forward with the project and does not feel any information three months from now would change his decision.

Roll call vote: Trustee Donner, Aye; Trustee Ferguson, Present; Trustee Van Der Laan, Aye; Trustee Kelly, Nay; Supervisor Thoman, Aye. Motion passed. Vote: Aye-3, Nay-1, Present-1.

8. Supervisor's Report.

a) Supervisor Thoman stated the FISH Food Pantry has been going well with the drive through procedure.

b) Supervisor Thoman wished to thank the Grove Foundation for their \$1000 donation to the food pantry. The FISH Food Pantry has also received 5 additional donations in the mail.

c) We are entering into an agreement with the DuPage Senior Citizens Council to provide a 5-meal food pack to registered seniors on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 9-11 AM, details are on the website and Facebook.

9. Old Business.

No Old Business was brought forward.

10. New Business

No New Business was brought forward.

11. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman made a Motion to Adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Donner. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk