

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
April 21, 2016

A meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held April 21, 2016 at the Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. *Call to Order:* Supervisor Wurster called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and everyone present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. *Roll Call:* Town Clerk Hois called the roll. Board members in attendance were Trustee Abbate, Trustee Boltz, Trustee Cuthbert, Trustee Grimsby and Supervisor Wurster. Attorney Alongi was also present.
3. *Public Comment:* Assessor Theresa Cockrell said she recently learned that all Property Tax Appeal Board commercial and industrial assessment hearings will be held in Springfield, IL, due to the State budget crisis. This change will result in increased costs for assessor travel and lodging.
4. *Correspondence:* Clerk Hois reported that she had received an email from John Cultra on April 14, 2016 saying that he had decided not to be reappointed for another 3-year trustee term for the Golfview Hills Fire Protection District (GVHFPD), but he is willing to stay on until June 30, 2016 to allow time for the board to find his replacement. The fiscal year of GVHFPD ends on May 31, 2016.
5. *Minutes:* Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2016 Board Meeting, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby, and four of the Board members voted aye. Trustee Cuthbert voted present.
6. *Invoices:* The Board of Trustees reviewed the invoices prior to the meeting:

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| General Town Fund | 04/21 | \$ 44,152.67 |
| General Road Fund | 04/20 | \$ 50,103.39 |
| General Assistance | 03/01to 03/31 | \$ 1,650.25 |

Trustee Grimsby made a motion to approve the invoices, which motion was seconded by Trustee Abbate, four members voted aye, Trustee Cuthbert voted present, and the motion carried.

7. *Groot Industries Solid Waste Hauling Services Update:* Frank Hillegonds said GROOT has been handling customer questions related to the new refuse disposal services program, rates and billing, and administering opt-out requests. GROOT currently serves 4,487 homes out of 5,285 homes in the unincorporated areas of the Township and has received many positive comments about the program. He said there is strong competition for refuse services and a lot of mailers going out. When other service providers come in and out there is increased wear and tear

on the roads in unincorporated areas, which takes away some benefits of having a sole service provider. GROOT recommends online bill pay for convenience.

8. *Reappoint Trustees of South Westmont Fire Protection District: Lenore C. Adams, Ken J. Kunesh, and Richard J. Gardner for three-year terms to expire May 1, 2019:* Lenore Adams and Ken Kunesh attended the meeting after having submitted in advance letters with enclosures and bond renewals required for reappointment. They spoke about the South Westmont Fire Protection District (FPD) area, and said for the past six months the District has been working on a five-year contract with the Village of Westmont. Trustee Boltz made a motion to approve the reappointment of Lenore C. Adams and Kenneth J. Kuesh as Trustees of the FPD, which motion was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert. All voted aye, motion carried.
9. *Reappoint Trustee John Cultra, Jr. Golfview Hills Fire Protection District for three-year term to expire May 1, 2019:* Supervisor Wurster said John Cultra, Jr. had expressed a desire not to continue on the Golfview Hills Fire Protection District for another full term, and suggested the Board table this agenda item. Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to table consideration of the reappointment, seconded by Trustee Abbate, and all voted aye. The motion to table carried.
10. *Approve Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) Risk Management Association Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract:* Clerk Hois presented copies of the proposed Intergovernmental cooperation contract and said the Township had entered into the same agreement in the year 2006, thus this was a renewal of the Township's agreement to be a member of the TOI Risk Management Association. Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to approve the Contract, which motion was seconded by Trustee Boltz, and all voted aye. Motion carried.
11. *Supervisor's Report:*
 - a. Supervisor Wurster said he an Lori Wrzesinski, Director Human Services, had given a presentation about the Township to the Village of Clarendon Hills. It went well and he heard many positive comments.
 - b. Supervisor Wurster asked the Trustees when to have the Township consultant provide an electricity aggregation program update. Trustee Cuthbert noted that the program is due to expire in December, 2016 and suggested the Board begin the process of reviewing new potential bidders.
 - c. Supervisor Wurster asked Trustee Grimsby to speak on cemetery issues related to the tree service that had been asked to cut down and remove trees, specifically the need to pick up and remove the debris after cutting. Supervisor Wurster said the tree service has taken full responsibility for the clean up, that 13 trees were cut down and weather conditions caused delay in the removal of debris. Trustee Abbate had obtained an estimate

from a surveyor to verify the boundary line of the property at and near where cemetery fence is located. Trustee Grimsby noted the need to repair the fence, and Supervisor Wurster said Highway Commissioner Anderson will perform the fence repair. He also said the fence along the roadways should be replaced to keep bicycles, motorcycles and cars from riding or driving through the cemetery grounds. Supervisor Wurster also suggested putting cameras on cemetery property, prompting discussion.

12. *Old Business:* Trustee Boltz said he spoke to Township auditors about performing additional work focused on the disbursement process, and asked that an item be placed on the agenda at the next meeting for board approval of the auditor's engagement letter describing the scope of this additional work.
13. *New Business:* Trustee Cuthbert jokingly asked Supervisor Wurster if he had hugged a township official today.
14. *Executive Session:* NONE.
15. *Adjournment:* There being no further business, Trustee Boltz made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Trustee Abbate, all voted aye, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hois
Town Clerk