

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
May 1, 2014

A meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held May 1, 2014 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 Cuthbert, Trustee Grimsby, Trustee Swanston, and Supervisor Wurster. Attorney Alongi was present.
3. *Public Comment:* There was no public comment.
4. *Correspondence:* Clerk Hois said there was no correspondence.
5. *Minutes:* Supervisor Wurster called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 3, 2014. Trustee Grimsby made a motion to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Trustee Swanston, all voted aye and the motion carried.
6. *Invoices:* The Board of Trustees reviewed the invoices prior to the meeting, and a question was asked and answered regarding the Highway First Aid kit:

General Town Fund	04/17	\$14,362.56
General Town Fund	05/01	\$56,108.19
General Road Fund	04/15	\$11,183.75
General Road Fund	05/01	\$27,003.95
General Assistance	04/01 to 04/25	\$ 2,650.00

Trustee Grimsby made a motion to approve the invoices, which motion was seconded by Trustee Abbate. All voted aye to approve the invoices.

7. *Reappointment of Golfview Hills Fire Protection District Trustee Richard Roderick for a Two-Year Term to May 1, 2016:* Supervisor Wurster introduced Richard Roderick who attended the meeting, said he has enjoyed serving for two years, would like to continue as a Trustee. Richard spoke of background with state police, and as electronic fraud investigator. Trustee Abbate made a motion to reappoint Richard Roderick as Trustee of the Golfview Hills FPD, seconded by Trustee Grimsby. All voted aye to approve the reappointment.
8. *Rick Tarulis, guest speaker on Possible Referendum to Obtain Voter Input regarding proposed Township Refuse Collection Program:* Supervisor Wurster introduced Rick Tarulis, an attorney at Brooks, Tarulis & Tibble, LLC in Naperville, Supervisor at Lisle Township and former Clerk, Lisle Township.

Rick Tarulis coordinated the refuse hauler contract for Lisle Township and wrote and coordinated the refuse hauler agreement for Naperville Township. Supervisor Wurster said Jack Novak is coordinating the refuse hauler effort for a committee of homeowners who reside in Downers Grove Township. Rick Tarulis said the subject of refuse collection came up about 5 years ago when a Lisle Township meeting was packed with angry unincorporated area residents who were complaining about various refuse haulers who were raising their prices and providing inadequate, inconsistent services.

The Lisle Township (and later the Naperville Township) placed a referendum question on the ballot, and voters opted 90% to 10% in favor of authorizing the Township to coordinate a refuse hauler program. The township is not *required* to do a program after a referendum passes, it is simply *authorized* to do so. In each case – in Lisle and in Naperville - the Township Board of Trustees passed a Resolution to proceed with a program. The Naperville program offered residents two options, unlimited service or stickers. It was simpler than the Lisle program, which offered different-sized waster containers, and saved residents more money as they are now paying one-half of what they used to pay for refuse hauling and recycling services. An added benefit is that having one refuse hauler reduces wear and tear on the roads.

The drafting of the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) is very important, and time-consuming, as the Township must decide what it wants and communicate those requirements very clearly, with appropriate detail, to obtain satisfactory bid responses. The RFP should require the successful bidder to provide a brochure providing information including its contact information, how and when it will provide services, resolve complaints, execute disaster assistance, and pick-up/shred Christmas trees after the Christmas holiday.

The refuse hauler would have an exclusive license to provide services to unincorporated residents who live within the Township’s boundaries. The agreement may be for a three-year term with an option to extend for 3 more. The agreement applies only to curb-side pick up of refuse and recycling. The cost in Naperville is just over \$17.00 per month for unlimited pick-up service. The potential bidders will want to know the number of households in each unincorporated area of the Township. There should not be an opt-out, rather, those who choose to go with stickers are “opting-out” of unlimited service. The refuse hauler will bill residents directly and manage receipt of payments.

9. *Vote to Dispose of Old Tables of No Value no longer Needed for use by Township Supervisor’s Office:* Supervisor Wurster said the old tables have been replaced by new tables in the Board Room. Trustee Abbate made motion to approve disposing of the old tables, seconded by Trustee Swanston, and all voted aye.

10. *Supervisor’s Report:*

- a. Highway Commissioner Anderson wrote article for May 8 newspaper.
- b. A new flag pole and flag is needed for Township building, cost: \$2,500.

- c. For safety reasons, new non-skid rubber treads will be placed on the stairs used by the FISH PANTRY to access storage areas, cost: \$4,000.
  - d. New landscaper at cemetery is doing great job, same price as last year.
  - e. Trustee Swanston attended Downers Grove North High School National Honor Society event The Principal of DGN referenced and complimented Downers Grove Township's Snowball program for high school students.
  
  - f. Trustee Abbate attended the Town Hall Panel Discussion held on April 22, 2014 at Downers Grove South High School on the topic: "Should Parents Care about Underage Drinking?" sponsored by Downers Grove Township's Community Coalition for Prevention. The Township's Human Services staff, including Lori Wrzesinski, Lauren Aramburu, Juliane Waterman, Cathy Rager, and Jason Shiliga served on the Coalition's subcommittee and did a nice job organizing the forum.
11. *Old Business:* Trustee Abbate spoke with the Township's electricity aggregation program consultant Jim Seay who reported savings to date of \$12,000 for residents participating in the program, and estimated savings for the period from December, 2013 thru May 2014 of \$19,000. Com Ed's rates are expected to rise dramatically this summer. The Township's lower rate will remain at 5.9 for the rest of this year, June through December, 2014.
13. *New Business:* None.
14. *Adjournment:* There being no further business Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby, all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Hois  
Town Clerk