

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
May 18, 2017

Regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Downers Grove Township held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Thoman. Supervisor Thoman lead everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

Board members present at roll call were Trustee Mark Cuthbert, Trustee Abby Ferguson, Trustee Dave Kalet, Trustee Karen Kelly and Supervisor Mark Thoman. A quorum was physically present.

Absent: None

Also present was Township Attorney Allen Alongi, Assessor Greg Boltz and Clerk Lorraine Grimsby

3. Public Comment:

Eric Habercoss, Tri-State Fire District President congratulated all board members. Mr. Habercoss then asked if the Board was aware that Loring Construction had filed a request to operate an asphalt batching plant off Rt83 by the Lemont canal. Mr. Habercoss stated trucks would be transporting thousands of gallons of asphalt to I-290. With only one ingress and egress, it could cause a catastrophe if there were a fire. Other concerns are increased truck traffic on roads, odors and lengthy operational hours. Mr. Habercoss also stated there could be environmental issues because the plant would be next to Water Fall Glen and two waterways.

Mr. Habercoss stated that objections have been filed by the DuPage Forest Preserve President, Lemont and Tri State will be filing. Burr Ridge Twp will file an objection if it is within their area. Mr. Habercoss asked the Township Board to file an objection with the DuPage County Board or assist with their efforts.

Robert Kowalski, retired Lemont Fire Marshall and firefighter stated that he lives very close to purposed batching plant. Mr. Kowalski stated that the EPA has deemed the fumes produced by these plants as carcinogens and hazardous. Mr. Kowalski also asked for Board support.

4. Motion to Approve the Minutes of Board Meeting, May 4, 2017.

Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to approve the May 4, 2017 minutes as presented, motion seconded by Trustee Kelly, all voted aye. Motion Carried.

5. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

General Town Fund	05/01 to 05/20	\$ 82,849.82
General Road Fund	05/18 to 05/18	\$ 92,627.82
Road Insurance Fund	TOIRMA	\$70,866.20 (Liability Ins. & W/C)
General Assistance	04/01 to 04/30	\$ 3,069.76
General Assistance	DuPage Senior Citizens	\$25,000.00 (Meals on Wheels)

Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims, motion seconded by Trustee Kelly, all voted aye. Motion Carried.

6. Approve Renewal of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program Intergovernmental Agreements for Downers Grove Township AND Township Road District.

Supervisor Thoman reported that Mr. Ralph Hinkle, DuPage County CERT coordinator provided a presentation at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on what they've done over the last year and proposed plans for the future. Supervisor Thoman and Hwy Commission Anderson participated in an event whereby they went out looking for homeless people and they were successful because none were found. It appears the other safety net programs that are offered must be working.

Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to approve the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program Intergovernmental Agreement for Downers Grove Township AND Township Road District, seconded by Trustee Kelly, all voted aye. Motion Carried.

Ms. Karol Sole, Westmont resident, asked for the current cost and how the cost for this year compares with the cost from last year and will it be split with the Highway Department? Trustee Ferguson stated the cost is approximately \$4000, the same as last year. Supervisor Thoman stated the cost will be split between the Township and Highway Department.

7. Supervisor's Report.

- a. Supervisor Thoman Welcomed the new Trustee's, Clerk and Assessor.
- b. Assessor Report

Assessor Boltz stated that he started on Monday, things are going well and stated that he has a great team. The Senior Homestead and Senior Freeze forms were mailed out on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Real estate tax bills were mailed out on April 28<sup>th</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> payment is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If residents have any errors in fact/calculations or exemptions, an amended bill can be mailed after the 1<sup>st</sup> tax payment is paid.

8. Old Business.

Trustee Cuthbert asked if there were any updates on the unincorporated Clarendon Hills initiative to potentially incorporate a large section into the Village of Clarendon Hills. Trustee Cuthbert stated that when he was out walking in Clarendon Hills that it was a topic of conversation. Supervisor Thoman stated it is part of Clarendon Hills Comprehensive Plan and this information has been conveyed to residents. Supervisor

Thoman stated that no updates have been received. Trustee Cuthbert asked if no information is received within the next month, then Supervisor Thoman should reach out to the unincorporated Clarendon Hills residents for their input and concerns.

9. New Business.

a. Supervisor Thoman stated that the Township has received several complaints about properties not being maintained. Supervisor Thoman sated a stronger Weed Ordinance maybe on the next agenda.

b. Supervisor Thoman spoke with the Village of Downers Grove regarding the four Township parcels that are currently zoned R-6 (Residential) to be rezoned as INP-1. All parcels are in a low drainage area, therefore there is little opportunity for the lots to be sold for residential development. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

c. Trustee Cuthbert stated that we moved to the bi-monthly meeting schedule because there would be several new board members. As part of this, Trustee Cuthbert asked if an Annual Calendar could be prepared and short workshops on various topics such as: How does the levy work, responsibilities between this Board and the Highway Commissioner, Assessor and Clerk, budget workshops and Board policies. What are all the programs offered through the Township, i.e. Peer Jury, Snowflake – How it works and who runs them.

d. Supervisor Thoman announced that the Township Open House will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. There will be food and fun for the families. Volunteers from other organizations that we deal with will be present to answer questions.

10. Executive Session.

No session.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kelly, all voted aye.  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Grimsby  
Clerk

*The next regular Downers Grove Township Board Meeting will be held June 1, 2017, 7:30 p.m.*