

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
May 21, 2015

A meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held May 21, 2015 at the Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. *Call to Order:* Supervisor Wurster called the meeting to order at 7:33 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:* Laura Reigle commented on the history of the Township's efforts to consider implementing a refuse disposal program for unincorporated area residents. Laura provided a packet of information with email and document records. She said refuse committee chair Jack Novak had not posted notices of refuse committee meetings attended by homeowner association representatives on the Township bulletin board or the website, and asked that this be done in the future. She noted that Jack Novak had been appointed by the Supervisor to serve as refuse committee chair, not by vote of the Board. She said that everyone in the Township should be invited to refuse committee meetings. She urged the Board to include an opt-out provision to allow unincorporated area residents to select their own refuse provider. Supervisor Wurster said the Board of Trustees will take Laura Reigle's comments and requests under advisement.
4. *Correspondence:* Clerk Hois said she had received three Freedom of Information Act requests from Laura Reigle and was in the process of responding to them.
5. *Minutes:* Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 16, 2015, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby, and all Trustees voted aye.
6. *Invoices:* The Board of Trustees reviewed the invoices prior to the meeting:

General Town Fund	05/07	\$ 136,660.25
General Town Fund	05/21	\$ 19,120.05
Total Cemetery	05/20	\$ 720.00
General Road Fund	05/06	\$ 64,803.13
General Road Fund	05/20	\$ 13,342.84
General Assistance	04/01 to 04/30	\$ 2,665.50

Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the invoices, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby, four of the Trustees voted aye, and Trustee Cuthbert voted nay. The motion carried.

7. *Discuss status of possible Township Refuse Collection Program:* Supervisor Wurster said the Board had discussed this topic during Public Comment, and confirmed that no date has been set for another refuse committee meeting.
8. *Review Bids submitted as offers to purchase Parcel of Real Estate owned by the Township, pursuant to Legal Notice and October 28, 2014 Resolution for Sale of Parcel published March 25, 2015:* Clerk Hois opened the bid envelope received from a sole bidder, as required by 60 ILCS 1/30-50(d). The bidder, Vequity LLC-Series XVII Downers Ogden, had submitted a real estate sale contract offering to purchase the real estate for \$148,000, which is 80% of the appraised-as-an- assemblage price described in the legal notice/resolution. Discussion followed.
9. *Approve winning bid (if any) for purchase of Parcel of Real Estate:* Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Vequity subject to Attorney Alongi's review and approval of the real estate contract, which motion was seconded by Trustee Abbate, all voted aye, and the motion carried.
10. *Supervisor's Report:* Supervisor Wurster reported:
  - a. The Township Open House will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., hotdogs will be served, petting zoo for the children.
  - b. Thirteen Township employees were trained in CPR at recent training session.
  - c. Trustee Swanston submitted his letter of resignation effective May 22, 2015, saying it has been a pleasure to support the Township for the past 34 years. Trustee Swanston said it has been an honor, and he plans to continue serving on the Township of Downers Grove Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.
11. *Old Business:* NONE.
12. *New Business:*
  - a. Trustee Cuthbert thanked Laura Reigle for bringing up the issues related to refuse during public comment, and suggested that individuals serving on committees should receive, or consider taking, Open Meetings Act (OMA) training. Supervisor Wurster said the Township's elected officials have completed the OMA training recommended by the Illinois Attorney General.
  - b. Supervisor Wurster said the Township has consistently offered OMA training to committee chairs, so as to ensure compliance with the OMA.
  - c. Trustee Cuthbert suggested the Township inform individuals who seek to be appointed or re-appointed as trustees of subsidiary boards, such as fire districts or mosquito abatement districts to take OMA training prior to the Board's consideration of such appointment. He asked that this be placed on the agenda for the next regular board meeting on June 18, 2015. Trustee Cuthbert suggested that the Board review the committees of the Township and the members of each of the committees and the subsidiary boards.

- d. Supervisor Wurster said at the June meeting, the Board of Trustees will appoint Trustee Swanston's replacement, after reviewing all resumes and interviewing each of the candidates for the position of Township Trustee. He said five people have submitted resumes so far in response to the notice(s) which have been provided and are being posted on the website.
- e. Trustee Abbate attended a recent Darien committee meeting, asked if the Board of Trustees would be interested in participating in an event in Darien this fall. Supervisor Wurster said yes, it is a good opportunity for the Township to attend. The Darien Town Hall meeting will be held at the Indian Prairie Public Library at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2015.

13. *Executive Session*: NONE.

14. *Adjournment*: Trustee Swanston said again that he has enjoyed his time as a Trustee. Supervisor Wurster thanked him and said we will miss him. There being no further business, Trustee Swanston made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Grimsby, all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hois  
Town Clerk