

MINUTES OF DOWERS GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
June 26, 2014

A special meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held June 26, 2014 at the Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. *Call to Order:* Supervisor Wurster called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Grimsby, Trustee Swanston, and Supervisor Wurster. Trustee Cuthbert was not able to attend. Attorney Alongi was present. Highway Commissioner Anderson attended the meeting.
3. *Discuss with Electors of the Unincorporated Area of Downers Grove Township whether to submit Referendum Question regarding Refuse Disposal Services:* Several residents of the public appeared at the meeting to take part in the discussion regarding refuse disposal services, representing, among others, the Liberty Park, Timberlake, Golf View Hills, and Pleasantdale neighborhoods. To begin the discussion, Supervisor Wurster introduced Jack Novak who is spearheading the committee that is, and has been gathering information and obtaining input from residents interested in having the Township's assistance in coordinating refuse disposal services for those who live and work in the unincorporated areas.

Supervisor Wurster invited all those attending to feel welcome to raise any issues or questions, on any topic at all, which may include refuse disposal. Jack Novak said the more input he receives, the better. The unincorporated area residents are currently using different refuse disposal service providers and are paying different rates. Jack Novak said he knows one resident who pays \$200 a month, and said he pays \$72 a quarter. Another resident says he pays \$75 a quarter for a 65 gallon-sized garbage can.

Clerk Hois related information provided by Rick Tarulis at the May 1, 2014 Downers Grove Township Board Meeting. Rick Tarulis, Supervisor at Lisle Township, coordinated the refuse disposal service contract for the Lisle and Naperville Townships. He said those townships obtained resident approval early on, before placing a referendum question on the ballot, and noted that while many people were opposed to change, 90% of the electors voted in favor of authorizing the township to contract for refuse disposal services. The Naperville program provided two options: (i) unlimited pick-up, or (ii) stickers. If people did not want to pay for unlimited, they purchased stickers. According to Rick, customers are paying one-half the amount they used to pay. The cost under Naperville contract is \$17 a month for unlimited pick-up.

The discussion continued on how important it is to (i) define expectations in request for proposal (RFP), and (ii) have leverage to obtain better service. The Naperville Township bid package required the successful bidder to prepare a brochure:

- a. describing the services it will provide (e.g. refuse and recycling);
- b. explaining how it will resolve complaints;
- c. including a local phone number;
- d. addressing disaster assistance (e.g. in event of a tornado);
- e. providing post-Christmas tree pick-up information.

The residents said they need to know what they are asking people to sign up for; they want more facts. Jack Novak's letter and survey provides facts about the various waste haulers who provide services in unincorporated areas of the Downers Grove Township. There are 34 waste haulers in DuPage County.

The Township Board and attorney described the process:

1. Board decides whether to place proposition on the ballot;
2. voters decide whether to authorize the Township to proceed;
3. if referendum passes, Township has authority to seek bids;
4. Township will create bid package defining the services desired;
5. Bidders will be invited to respond to Township's request for proposal;
6. The Township may, but is not required to, accept one of the bids;
7. If bid submittals are not responsive or are unsatisfactory, can reject bid;
8. If successful bidder is selected, the Township may proceed to contract;
9. The terms of the contract are to be determined, depending on submittals;
10. The contract would, ideally, be entered into with just one waste hauler.

Supervisor Wurster said the Township is not talking to any refuse disposal providers at this point. He has received one phone call from a waste hauler. Approximately 7,000 or more households may be served by refuse program.

It is true that not everyone will be satisfied if program is adopted, however, the Township will endeavor to achieve the best possible results if authorized.

Other topics: (i) a rotting oak tree in Liberty Park, the Township Highway Department may be asked to take it down, (ii) road repair in the Timberlake area, (iii) whether York Township will implement a refuse hauling program.

4. *Adjournment:* There being no further discussion Trustee Abbate made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby, all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Hois
Town Clerk