

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
July 10, 2014

A meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held July 10, 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 also present.
3. *Public Comment:* Supervisor Wurster asked to hold off on public comment until later in the meeting, to first allow discussion on proposal to submit (or not submit) ballot question regarding unincorporated area refuse collection.
4. *Correspondence:* Clerk Hois said there was no correspondence.
5. *Minutes:* Supervisor Wurster called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Meetings held on June 5, 2014 and June 26 2014. Trustee Grimsby made a motion to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Trustee Abbate, all voted aye and the motion carried.
6. *Invoices:* The Board of Trustees reviewed the invoices prior to the meeting:

General Town Fund	06/19	\$15,280.60
General Town Fund	06/30	\$ 1,482.07
General Town Fund	07/09	\$18,020.22
Total Cemetery	06/18	\$ 960.00
General Road Fund	06/18	\$43,120.58
General Road Fund	07/08	\$26,385.42
General Assistance	06/01 to 06/30	\$ 3,303.79

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

7. *Approve Resolution providing for Submission of Proposition that Downers Grove Township be authorized to Contract, Administer or License a Refuse Collection, Disposal Service and Recycling Program on behalf of residents of unincorporated areas of the Township:* Supervisor Wurster began the discussion by reporting that approximately 25 people were present at the June 26, 2014 meeting, and that everyone in the room was in favor of moving forward with the referendum. If the Board approves the resolution to submit, the question that would be placed on the ballot would read as follows:

Referendum Question:

Shall Downers Grove Township be authorized to contract, administer or license a refuse collection, disposal and recycling program on behalf of the residents of the unincorporated areas of the Township, pursuant to Section 85-131f) and Article 210 of the Township Code?

Supervisor Wurster said he had been asked a question about “opting out.” Under the Naperville refuse collection program, the opt out is buying stickers for garbage disposal, rather than paying cost for unlimited garbage pick-up.

Supervisor Wurster invited attendees to make comments, and ask questions.

Residents raised concerns:

(a) how the township would control the refuse pick-up workers who are not providing services correctly;

(b) the Township would be faced with a lot of problems.

Supervisor Wurster said the Township is not mandating rather, it is asking whether the Township should place the question (stated above) on the ballot this November. If the consensus and recommendation is not to move forward with any refuse program, then the Township is not going to do anything.

A resident who is happy with her current refuse service expressed an interest in volunteering for the committee led by Jack Novak, as she would prefer that each resident continue to have a choice among many providers. Supervisor Wurster reiterated the Township is not mandating a program.

A resident said he sees eight (8) different refuse trucks riding down the road and is in favor of asking the Township to move forward with a refuse program, and thinks it is the right thing to do. Having one refuse hauler would most likely cost less and would cause less wear and tear on the roads.

Jack Novak, the Refuse Committee Chair, said he has been presenting data for 4 years now, and has obtained information from throughout the county. Jack said he would like to get more residents involved in reviewing refuse data.

A resident said he is tired of having to pay what he is paying, and would be opposed to waiting an additional year or two. Naperville and Lisle each have refuse programs and have a lot of experience that we can benefit from.

The subject of refuse hauling was discussed at a recent Timberlake meeting, and the assumption was that “opt out” would be available, and that not everyone would have to participate. One resident said we don’t want the Township to move forward because we don’t know what you’re going to do. Trustee Abbate asked those in attendance, “how do you want us to proceed?”

Supervisor Wurster said there are approximately 5,000 to 7,000 people in unincorporated areas of the Township. For the past few years, many residents have been asking the Township to do something about (i) the number of waste haulers who charge different prices, arrive at different times, and break down the roads, and (ii) saving money, by utilizing one (or possibly two) waste haulers to serve unincorporated areas of the Township.

The Liberty Park neighborhood has many refuse haulers that charge different prices and provide different services, some better than others.

Supervisor Wurster said the Township is considering the ballot question because many residents have asked for help them addressing refuse issues. The Township Board has actively discussed to topic of refuse hauling and ways to address the problems associated with it for more than a year now.

Public Comment: Karole Sole said she had attended the May 1, 2014 meeting when Rick Tarulis, Supervisor, Lisle Township, spoke about Lisle's and Naperville's experience and offered suggestions for Downers Grove Township's possible referendum to obtain voter input regarding a Township Refuse Collection Program. She recalled Rick Tarulis said the "opt out" in Naperville is, in essence, to buy stickers, too pay less if you have less trash.

Attorney Alongi notes that community input would go into, and be utilized in the request for proposal (RFP) to refuse haulers, if the referendum passes. The refuse committee headed by Jack Novak will collect, provide the input. The applicable section of the Township Code contemplates one type of program for residents and small business owners in unincorporated areas.

Supervisor Wurster requested Jack Novak to make a recommendation. Jack Novak recommended that the question be put to the voters in November. Several residents spoke in favor of doing so. Supervisor Wurster called for a motion.

Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the resolution to submit the proposal that Downers Grove Township be authorized to contract for refuse collection, disposal service and recycling for residents in unincorporated areas of the Township. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby. Clerk Hois took the roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Abbate	AYE
Trustee Cuthbert	AYE
Trustee Grimsby	AYE
Trustee Swanston	AYE
Supervisor Wurster	AYE

The resolution passed, and the question will be on the ballot in November.

8. *Discuss FOIA request received from Illinois@openthebooks.com:* Clerk Hois said the Township responded to a very comprehensive FOIA request from *openthebooks.com* that had been sent to all Townships in DuPage County. The Downers Grove Township's response included electronic copies of the Township's Annual Treasurer's Reports for the years 2008 thru 2013. More detailed information could not be provided because the requester had not agreed to pay estimated costs required to compile vendor information, check data, type of payment, and descriptions of products, services and purpose.

9. *Supervisor's Report:*

- (a) The Township had a new flag installed outside Township building.
- (b) A spotlight was also installed to highlight the flag.
- (c) The boy scouts were at the Oak Hill and Oak Crest cemeteries two weeks ago, they restored 15-20 headstones, re-set 3-4 stones, and installed one brand new one. 35 to 40 people were there. Highway Commissioner Andy Anderson and his team came out to trim trees, brought wood chipper. The boy scouts will be thanked and recognized for their significant contributions to the community at a scout meeting or Township meeting.
- (d) Supervisor Wurster met with Mike Cassa, Downers Grove Economic Development, at the new Starbucks, discussed persons interested in purchasing the vacant lot near the former Citgo gas station site.
- (e) The Township is starting to get calls on the mosquito nuisance, and has contacted Clarke Mosquito to inquire about coordinating spraying.
- (f) Banner News has published its new Senior Citizen Newsletter, available at the Township Supervisor's Office.

10. *Old Business:* NONE.

11. *New Business:* NONE.

12. *Adjournment:* There being no further business Trustee Abbate made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby, all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Hois
Town Clerk