

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Downers Grove Township Board of Trustees
4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515
July 15, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Coultrap called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Coultrap invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Clerk Grimsby called the roll. Present in person were Supervisor Coultrap, Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Ockrim and Trustee Stoll. Absent: Trustee Ricordati.

Elected and Appointed Officials present in person were Allen Alongi, Township Attorney, Clerk Lorraine Grimsby and Highway Commissioner Andy Anderson.

Others present were Mary Lemanski and Karol Sole.

4. Public Comment

Supervisor Coultrap asked if there was anyone who had comments to make.

Ms. Lemanski wished to thank Clerk Grimsby for her prompt response of reposting the FY 21-22 Approved Budget and Appropriations. The approved Budget and Appropriation from February 25, 2021 had been inadvertently overwritten when the Amended FY 21-22 Budget and Appropriations was posted on the website.

Ms. Lemanski stated that in 2018 Governor Rauner's Executive Order was signed regarding eliminating nepotism in government hiring and she urges the Township to do the same.

With no further comments, Supervisor Coultrap ended the Public Comment portion of the Meeting.

5. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting from June 17, 2021 As Presented

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting from June 17, 2021, as Presented. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Stoll. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call vote: Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes, 4, Nay, 0, Absent, 1. Motion Carried.

6. Motion to Approve the Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims, As Presented

General Town Fund	06/14/2021 to 06/14/2021	\$131,439.26
General Road Fund	05/14/2021 to 05/14/2021	\$217,350.43

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Roll Call vote: Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes, 4, Nays, 0, Absent, 1, Absent, 0. Motion Carried.

7. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Coultrap reminded everyone that FISH has changed their hours. New hours are: Tuesdays 4-6 PM and Fridays 9:30 – 11:30 AM. FISH is at a record level of distributing meals. They may reach 100 meals distributed. Senior Meals (Meals on Wheels) were also distributed today. This is for anyone 60 years or older.

Senator Curran will be hosting a Secretary of State Mobile Unit at Downers Grove Township on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 from 10 AM – 2 PM. Services provided include: renewing/correcting driver's licenses, obtaining a state ID, purchasing license plate stickers, motor voter and organ donor registration, Class D road tests, and seniors age 65+ can receive a free state ID.

Supervisor Coultrap stated that we had a tremendous effort of volunteers that helped with clean up in the areas affected by the tornado. Over three hundred people volunteered. Supervisor Coultrap thanked everyone for their assistance and stated that it was amazing that this was achieved within 10 days.

Supervisor Coultrap stated that money from the Storm Water Grant from the Village of Downers Grove for \$275,000 will be forthcoming.

8. Assessor Report

Due to an unavoidable commitment, Assessor Boltz was unable to attend the meeting, but provided this report:

The Assessor's department is moving along with the process of preparing our 2021 assessment records for submission to the County. Currently we anticipate an assessment publication date in early September.

As always, we encourage property owners to go to our website at [dgtownship.com\assessor](http://dgtownship.com/assessor) and use the tools we have available to aid in their analysis after assessments have been published. Instructions are provided to help simplify the process.

On 6/21/2021, HB3289 was sent to the Governor after being passed by both houses. HB3289 would allow for the automatic renewal of certain senior and veteran exemptions for 2021. This mirrors the bill that was passed for the 2020 assessment year. While we wait for the Governor to sign the bill, we will continue to update the residents that would benefit from this. I hope everyone is having a good summer.

9. Highway Commissioner Report

Highway Commissioner Anderson gave the following report:

The storm hit around 11:30 PM on June 20.

I called the crew out around 11:45 pm. Calls started coming in from the sheriff dept around midnight. The tornado headed across the township in a south/east direction with the most damage being in the west end area between 75th St. and 87th street. By the time it hit Route 83, it had made its way south of I-55 to almost 91st street. There was little to no damage east of Route 83. Bruce Lake subdivision was hit the hardest with Rosehill, Landsfield and Graceland subdivisions also sustaining heavy damage. Bruce Lake was completely blocked with tree debris and electric poles and wires everywhere. Rosehill streets were also completely blocked with no access to residents in the southeast area of the subdivision. My crew worked from midnight until 6:00 pm on Monday in order to clear roads for residents and emergency vehicles. Calls were made to Homeland Security for assistance and by Tuesday we had 25 helpers from DuPage County helping us in Bruce Lake and Rosehill Estates. By the end of the

first week, County crews also had put in 720 man hours. A year ago, all 9 townships entered into an alliance which was also activated and during the next two weeks, we received help from Wayne, Milton, Winfield, Bloomingdale, Addison and Lisle townships. Other agencies which helped us were the City of Darien and IDOT.

On June 26 Supervisor Paul Coultrap and Assessor Greg Boltz organized a tornado clean-up to help Bruce Lake residents. Clerk Lorraine Grimsby organized an information collection for FEMA and assisted in gathering damage reports for residents affected by the tornado. The County issued tablets to collect damage information and volunteers were trained. The volunteers then went door-to-door to log the damage and take pictures. Over 300 volunteers arrived to help with storm damage removal along with a couple of fire departments and a few private contractors who donated their time and equipment. By July 4, all roads were completely cleared, and all electricity restored to residents. The next week was dedicated to clearing brush and tree debris from the rights-of-way that residents had brought from their yards. Heavy rains and localized flooding caused more issues for my crew. We received 3 inches of rain in one hour on the east side of the Township which caused parts of Sawmill Creek to top and wash over the road on Williams Dr. Last week slowed down a little. My crew was able to replace a couple of culverts and the tree crew continued to work on cutbacks and tree trimming in between final cleanup work.

10. **Old Business**

No Old Business was brought forward.

11. **New Business**

No New Business was brought forward.

12. Motion to Move to Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) (Roll Call) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Trustee Ferguson moved to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), to review closed session minutes, including the the semi-annual review of closed session minutes and 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2), deliberation concerning salary schedules of one or more classes of Township employees, as mandated by Section 2.06, motion seconded by Trustee Stoll.

Roll call vote: Trustee Ferguson, aye; Trustee Ockrim, aye; Trustee Stoll, aye; and Supervisor Coultrap, aye.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- 4; Nays; 0; Absent - 1. Motion carried 4-0. Time: 7:41 PM

13. Motion to Return to Open Session.

Trustee Ferguson moved to Reconvene to Open Session, motion seconded by Trustee Stoll.

Roll call vote: Trustee Ferguson, aye; Trustee Ockrim, aye; Trustee Stoll, aye; and Supervisor Coultrap, aye.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - 4; Nays; 0; Absent - 1. Motion carried 4-0. Time: 7:51 PM

14. **Closed Session Report in Open Meeting.**

Supervisor Coultrap stated that no action is being taken at this time regarding the Closed Minutes.

15. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Coultrap called for a Motion to Adjourn. Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Stoll.

The Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Next regular Downers Grove Township Board Meetings on **Thursday, August 19:**

Public Hearing at 7:15 PM

Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk