

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Downers Grove Township Board
4340 Prince St.
Downers Grove, IL 60515
September 17, 2020

1. Call to Order:
Supervisor Thoman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance:
Supervisor Thoman invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call:
Clerk Grimsby called the roll. Present were Trustee Karen Kelly, Trustee Abby Ferguson, Trustee Dave Van Der Laan and Supervisor Mark Thoman.

Via Zoom: Trustee Art Donner

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-07, issued on March 16, 2020, suspending the Open Meetings Act provision relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body, (1) suspends the requirement in Section 2.01 that "members of a public body must be physically present;" and (2) suspends the limitations in Section 7 on when remote participation is allowed.

Elected and Appointed Officials present: Clerk Lorraine Grimsby, Assessor Greg Boltz and Attorney Allan Alongi.

Staff and others present: 1 staff member.

4. Public Comment:
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Supervisor Thoman expressed sympathy for the recent passing of long-time resident, Dr. Floyd Miszner. Dr. Miszner served on the Downers Grove Township Senior Advisory Committee and was a valued member of the community.

Supervisor Thoman asked if there was anyone who had comments to make.
Assessor Boltz stated that there is an extension on closing the books for assessments because of a vacancy at the county. Assessor Boltz anticipates they should be able to close their books mid-October. Curbside service is working very well.
5. Motion to Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 20, 2020 as presented.
Clerk Grimsby presented the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 20, 2020 for review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee Kelly to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2020, with a second by Trustee Ferguson. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| General Town Fund | 9/16 to 9/16/2020 | \$ 16,101.17 |
| General Road Fund | 9/15 to 9/15/2020 | \$104,289.81 |
| General Assistance | 7/1 to 7/31/2020 | \$ 1,707.89 |
| Capital Improvement | 9/16 to 9/16/2020 | \$182,585.00 |

A motion was made by Trustee Van Der Laan to Approve the Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims. Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. Abstain: Trustee Donner. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Motion to Approve Re-appointment of Richard Roderick to the Golfview Hills Fire Protection District.

A motion was made by Trustee Kelly to Approve Re-appointment of Richard Roderick to the Golfview Hills Fire Protection District with a second by Trustee Ferguson.

During Public Comment and on behalf of Mr. Richard Roderick, Assessor Boltz stated that Mr. Roderick expressed his regrets that he could not be present tonight and stated that he enjoys serving as Secretary for the Golfview Hills Fire Protection District. Assessor Boltz also stated that Mr. Jim McCarthy, President, supports this re-appointment. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. Motion to Approve Raising Health Plan Employee Contribution Rates from 7% to 9%.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to Approve Raising Health Plan Employee Contribution Rate from 7% to 9%. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner.

Trustee Ferguson stated that as of 2 years ago, we as a Board decided to increase the employee contribution rates for health insurance gradually over 5-7 years so it would be more in line with the county.

Assessor Boltz thanked the Board for voting on the contribution rate now and providing ample opportunity for the Assessor and Highway Commissioner to work with their staff and both the Assessor and Highway Commissioner support this action.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. Motion to Change November 2020 Board of Trustee meeting date to Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Donner to Change November 2020 Board of Trustee Meeting date to Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelly. The motion passed by voice vote.

Supervisor Thoman stated the date change is due to the requirement for setting Township Officials salaries 180 days prior to the election.

10. Supervisor's Report.

- a. Supervisor Thoman reported that the Township Senior Center is still on budget and on schedule.
- b. Supervisor Thoman stated another frozen meal pickup is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020, 9-11 am and 336 residents have already signed up.
- c. District 99 Intergovernmental Agreement for creating and maintaining some open prairie gardens on our property is still in process.
- d. Supervisor Thoman is working with FISH Food Pantry to devise a list of hardware and perishables for the County Grant monies.

11. Old Business.

Trustee Ferguson asked about the money from the County for COVID related expenses and if the hardware for the building which is basically for FISH, if that expense would qualify. Supervisor Thoman stated that he felt the hardware should be an asset of the township and not FISH.

Trustee Ferguson asked if reimbursement for COVID supplies have been submitted to the County yet. Supervisor Thoman stated that the expenses have not been submitted yet because the County is bringing in COVID consultants to review claims.

12. New Business.

No New Business was brought forward.

13. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Van Der Laan and it was seconded by Trustee Kelly and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk