

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Downers Grove Township Board
4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, IL
October 18, 2018

Regular Board Meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Downers Grove Township held on Thursday, October 18, 2018, 7:30 PM at 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. Call to Order:

Supervisor Thoman call the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Thoman asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Clerk Grimsby called the roll; present were Trustee Arthur P. Donner, Trustee Karen Kelly, Trustee Abby Ferguson, Trustee David Van Der Laan and Supervisor Mark Thoman. A quorum was physically present.

Elected and Appointed Officials present: Clerk Grimsby and Attorney Alongi.

Staff and visitors: Assessor Boltz, 1 staff member and 1 resident.

4. Public Comment:

Supervisor Thoman asked if there was anyone in the audience who had any comments to make. Assessor Boltz requested to speak during the discussion of agenda #8, Approval of health insurance and dental insurance contribution rates for employees, spouses and dependents for calendar year 2019.

5. Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2018.

Clerk Grimsby presented the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2018 for review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee Kelly to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 20, 2018 with a second by Trustee Van Der Laan. Trustees Donner, Kelly, Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman voted aye. Trustee Ferguson abstained. Motion Carried. Supervisor Thoman stated that the October 18, 2018 Public Hearing minutes will be placed on the November agenda for approval.

6. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

General Town Fund	10/18 to 10/18/18	\$ 15,652.02
General Road Fund	10/18 to 10/18/18	\$ 153,846.93
General Assistance	8/01 to 8/31/18	\$ 1,785.35

Trustee Van Der Laan made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims, motion seconded by Trustee Donner. Motion approved by voice vote. Motion carried.

7. Motion to Approve General Fund Levy Request of \$2,545,000 for Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2020.

A motion was made by Trustee Donner to approve General Fund Levy Request of \$2,545,000 for Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2020, motion seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Supervisor Thoman

stated this reflects a reduction of \$41,000 from the previous year tax receipts. This is the 3rd year that Downers Grove Township has entered a levy for less money than the previous year. Roll call: Ayes: Trustees Donner, Ferguson, Kelly, Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman. Motion Carried. (5-0)

8. Motion to approve health insurance and dental insurance contribution rates for employees, spouses and dependents for calendar year 2019.

A motion was made by Trustee Van Der Laan to table approval of the health insurance and dental insurance contribution rates for employees, spouses and dependents for calendar year 2019 until November 15, 2018 meeting. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Trustee Ferguson motioned to approve the health insurance and dental insurance contribution rates for employees, spouses and dependents for calendar year 2019, motion seconded by Trustee Kelly. A lengthy discussion ensued with Board members and Assessor Boltz on behalf of himself and Highway Commissioner Anderson. Proposed 1% rate increase for health care for calendar year 2019: health insurance rate for 2019 – 5% for employees (2018-4%), 15% for spouses and dependents.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustees Donner, Ferguson, Kelly, Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman. Motion Carried. (5-0)

9. Motion to approve Dial-a-Ride PACE contract for calendar year 2019.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to approve the Dial-a-Ride contract with Pace for calendar year 2019, motion seconded by Trustee Kelly. Supervisor Thoman stated that the provision for services on holidays will remain for 2019.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustees Donner, Ferguson, Kelly, Van Der Laan and Supervisor Thoman. Motion Carried. (5-0)

10. Motion to approve Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule for 2019.

Supervisor Thoman stated the meeting schedule will remain on the 3rd Thursday of each month. A motion was made by Trustee Kelly to approve the Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule for 2019, motion seconded by Trustee Van Der Laan. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. Motion to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2019.

Supervisor Thoman presented the 2019 Holiday Schedule. Trustee Kelly noted Scribner errors on the Holiday Schedule. A motion was made by Trustee Van Der Laan to approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule with noted corrections, motion seconded by Trustee Donner. Motion carried by voice vote.

12. Supervisor's Report.

a. The Supervisor stated that conversations with Groot will be held pertaining to an extension of the Refuse Contract and hopefully a contract proposal will be on the November agenda.

b. Supervisor Thoman has contacted other auditing firms to obtain pricing for a professional services contract. He has been unable to get responses. Trustee Donner stated that Best Practices recommends rotation and auditing should not be a price sensitive item.

c. Highway Department Levy will be on the November agenda.

d. Scout Troop #55 provided time for cemetery cleanup last Saturday.

e. Trustee Kelly reported on the following: Friends of Downers Grove Township Seniors: fundraising at Country House in Clarendon from November 12-18th. 15% will be donated back to the Friends of Downers Grove Township Seniors 501c3.

Trustee Kelly reported that Aspire did a fabulous job hosting the fundraiser on October 4, 2018. A final report on money collected will be forthcoming. Another fundraiser will be held at the Tivoli Theater on Tuesday, November 13th. Everyone is encouraged to support these endeavors.

13. Old Business

No Old Business was brought forward.

14. New Business

Trustee Ferguson reiterated that potential increases for health and dental for next year and possibly future years could be implemented. With good communication, employees should be aware of these possible increases.

Trustee Van Der Laan encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election on November 6, 2018.

15. Executive Session

No motion was made to go into Executive Session.

16. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman asked for a motion to adjourn. At 8:20 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Van Der Laan, seconded by Trustee Kelly. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk