

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of  
Downers Grove Township Board of Trustees  
4341 Saratoga Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515  
October 19, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

Supervisor Coultrap called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

**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 were Supervisor Coultrap, Trustee Ricordati and Trustee Ferguson. Absent: Trustee Ockrim and Trustee McCloy.

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

Others present: Henry & Erik Baker (Boy Scout Troop #99), John Curcio, JoAnn Krypel, Rosemary Wagner, Lynda Esposito, Karol Sole, Al Ruginuis, Carole Sanchez, Laurie Tsukuno and Anne Marie Gardner .

**4. Public Comment**

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

Public Comment can be viewed at: [dgtownship.com/transparency](http://dgtownship.com/transparency).

With no further comments or discussion, Supervisor Coultrap ended the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**5. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting from September 21, 2023, as Presented.**

Since Supervisor Coultrap was not present last month, there is not a majority to approve the September 2023 minutes. This will be tabled until the November 2023 meeting.

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

General Town Fund	9/01/2023 to 9/30/2023	\$ 47,514.89
General Road Fund	9/01/2023 to 9/30/2023	\$ 81,211.28

Trustee Ricordati made a Motion to Approve the Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims, as Presented, and the Motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson "Aye" and Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-3. Absent-2. Motion carried.

**7. Annual Financial Report ending 2/28/23 presentation by Edward G. Tracy, CPA, Selden Fox**  
The Annual Financial Report presentation has been postponed until the November 2023 meeting.

8. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Coultrap introduced : Henry & Erik Baker (Boy Scout Troop #99, Downers Grove). Henry Baker is seeking a Scout badge which requires that he investigate how local government operates. Following the meeting, the Board members and Township Attorney met with Henry Baker and Mr. Baker.

Trustee Ricordati – Senior events representative presented the following report:

- Trustee Ricordati provided a daily breakdown of the attendance for the Senior Center attendance log. Senior meals are provided every day except on holidays. Most senior activities are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each month, the attendance has increased. From June 2023 to the end of October 2023, 3,173 seniors have attended events. Most activities are at capacity before the event. Statistics show that there is a need for more room to provide services to more seniors. This is an issue of importance and will be discussed during the 2024-2025 budget discussions.
- Community Dining menu and many other activities can be found online at: [dgtownship.com](http://dgtownship.com). Follow us on Facebook.
- For classes and events at the Township Senior Center, please register at:

Register at: [humanservices@dgtownship.com](mailto:humanservices@dgtownship.com) or 630-719-6670

9. Assessor's Report

No report.

10. Highway Commission Report

In the past month the Highway Department has been working on the following projects:

- Our tree crew continued our brush pickup finishing sections number three and four. They also did cutbacks along Nantucket in Hinswood subdivision, Tennessee Ave at the north frontage Rd in Timberlake and on Meadowbrook Dr in unincorporated Burr Ridge.
- We worked with our Gradall contractor doing ditch work in Timberlake, Clarendon heights and the Gardens.
- We also did ditch work with culvert replacements on Meadowbrook Ct and on Sherman Ave.
- We picked up limbs from right of way trees due to wind damage as well as spending several days cleaning inlets during last week's rains.
- Our road crew started repairing sink holes in some of our basins in the Farmingdale north subdivision.
- On October 10<sup>th</sup>, our staff participated in the Deicing seminar put on by DuPage County. This is a four-hour seminar that helps teach our crew the latest in snow plowing and salting technics in order to conserve salt use on township roads. We participate in this class yearly and always come away with something new to try.

We are working with our engineers to obtain a federal grant to help us pave Cass Ave and Bluff Rd between 91st and Rt 83. New regulations require sample bores to be taken at specific intervals of the road to help determine the condition of the road's subgrade. The findings are used to determine who needs the grant most and will continue to place us in line for a possible grant. Cost estimates for the boring project were estimated at \$20,000. We were able to save \$5,000 of that by providing traffic control for their crew using our staff.

11. Old Business

There was no old business presented.

12. New Business

There was no new business presented.

**13. Motion to Move to Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/(c)(11)**

No Executive Session.

**14. Motion to Return to Open Session**

None

**15. Closed Session Report**

No report.

**16. 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 Ricordati. The Motion was carried by voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorraine Grimsby, Township Clerk