

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Downers Grove Township Board  
4340 Prince St., Downers Grove, IL 60515  
November 12, 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 Art Donner and Supervisor Mark Thoman.

Absent: Trustee David Van Der Laan

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, Highway Commissioner Andy Anderson and Attorney Allan Alongi.

Staff and other present included 1 staff member.

4. Public Comment:

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

Assessor Boltz respectfully asked to withhold his comment until a specific agenda item.

Supervisor Thoman stated that comments during the agenda items will not be allowed for this meeting.

5. Motion to Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 17, 2020 as presented.

Clerk Grimsby presented the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2020 for review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee Donner to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 17, 2020, with a second by Trustee Ferguson. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

General Town Fund	11/13 to 11/13/2020	\$ 11,675.89
General Road Fund	11/09 to 11/09/2020	\$ 48,859.45
General Assistance	10/1 to 10/31/2020	\$ 1,370.86
Capital Improvement	11/13 to 11/13/2020	\$428,712.00

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

7. Motion to Approve BCBS Health and Guardian Insurance contract for full-time Township Employees, to be administered by USI, The USI One Advantage, as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to Approve BCBS Health and Guardian Insurance contract for full-time Township Employees, to be administered by USI, The USI One Advantage, second by Trustee Kelly.

Supervisor Thoman stated there is no contract to sign at this time, but approval will allow employees to participate in open enrollment on December 1, 2020. Supervisor Thoman also stated that a representative from USI One Advantage was present via telephone.

Roll call vote: Trustee Donner, Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Kelly, and Supervisor Thoman. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried. 4-0.

8. Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-4 reappointing Robert Holub as Trustee for the Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-4 reappointing Robert Holub as Trustee for the Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District. Trustee Donner seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-6 reappointing Jeffrey Schultz as Trustee for the Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District.

A motion was made by Trustee Donner to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-5 reappointing Jeffrey Schultz as Trustee for the Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelly. The motion passed by voice vote.

10. Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-5 reappointing Renee Joncas as Trustee for the Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District.

A motion was made by Trustee Donner to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-5 reappointing Renee Joncas as Trustee for the Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelly. The motion passed by voice vote.

11. Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-3 Downers Grove Township Elected Officials' Salary Rates for Four-Year Term Beginning the Second Pay Period, May 15, 2021 and for the Assessor's Term Beginning the First Pay Period, January 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Donner to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-3 Downers Grove Township Elected Officials' Salary Rates for Four-Year Term Beginning the Second Pay Period, May 15, 2021 and for the Assessor's Term Beginning the First Pay Period, January 1, 2022, seconded by Trustee Ferguson.

Assessor Boltz stated Point of Order as information had not been posted within 48 hours prior to the meeting on our website therefore residents have not been provided a chance to review, nor has the information been provided here, as such no one has had the opportunity to review the exact numbers tonight in accordance with State Statute and questions whether it is an actual authorized vehicle to vote on this evening? Supervisor Thoman thanked Assessor Boltz for his input.

Attorney Alongi asked if this resolution was posted. Supervisor Thoman stated that the agenda item was posted. Attorney Alongi asked if the numbers were listed on the document or if it was blank? Supervisor Thoman could not provide a date for posting the salaries. Trustee Ferguson asked for the last date the salaries could be approved. Trustee Donner asked if we should table this item or hold a Special Meeting. Attorney Alongi stated that since he is not aware of the date the salaries were posted or made public, this body should know exactly what they are doing and if there were no numbers listed on the posted Resolution, then it is not really posted. Supervisor Thoman stated the Resolution was never posted but the Agenda item was posted and he was receiving input up to the last minute on what the salaries should be, and 4 years ago, no decision was made by the end of the meeting and the Minutes of the meeting would serve as the record of what the salaries should be. Supervisor Thoman stated there is a record of salaries not being set prior and it be done during a meeting. Attorney Alongi tried to clarify that in prior years that salaries were debated and finalized at the meeting that the Resolution was discussed, which is proper parliamentary procedure. Attorney Alongi stated that he feels this item does not have to be tabled, but we should have a full discussion and vote on the issue.

Each board member stated their views. (See video posted on Downers Grove Township website)

Roll call vote: Trustee Donner, Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Kelly, and Supervisor Thoman. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried. 4-0.

12. Motion to Approve PACE Contract for Calendar Year 2021 as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to Approve PACE Contract for Calendar Year 2021 The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner.

Trustee Kelly asked if this contract reflects the change in eliminating the holiday service hours? Supervisor Thoman stated that the new Contract doe reflect the elimination of holiday service, and he further stated that it were extremely expensive.

Roll call vote: Trustee Donner, Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Kelly, and Supervisor Thoman. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried. 4-0.

13. Motion to Approve an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Consolidated High School District 99 for a STEM Prairie Project Field Lab as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to Approve an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Consolidated High School District 99 for a STEM Prairie Project Field Lab.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner. The motion passed by voice vote.

14. Motion to Approve 2021/2022 Levy Request for Downers Grove Township General Fund, General Assistance Fund, and IMRF Fund as presented. Noticed Public Hearing on Budget Ordinance is scheduled for February 18, 2021.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to Approve 2021/2022 Levy Request for Downers Grove Township General Fund, General Assistance Fund, and IMRF Fund as presented.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner.

Roll call vote: Trustee Donner, Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Kelly, and Supervisor Thoman. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried. 4-0.

15. Motion to Adopt 2021/2022 Levy Request for Downers Grove Township Road District as presented. Noticed Public Hearing on Budget Ordinance is scheduled for February 18, 2021. A motion was made by Trustee Kelly to Approve 2021/2022 Levy Request for Downers Grove Township Road District as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner.

Roll call vote: Trustee Donner, Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Kelly, and Supervisor Thoman. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1. Motion carried. 4-0.

16. Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-1 Downers Grove Township 2021 Holiday Schedule, as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Donner to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-1 Downers Grove Township 2021 Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelly. The motion passed by voice vote.

17. Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-2 Downers Grove Township 2020 Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule, as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to Approve Resolution 2020-1112-2 Downers Grove Township 2021 Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donner. The motion passed by voice vote.

18. Supervisor's Report.

Supervisor Thoman stated the building is progressing. Windows and doors are being installed. FISH Food Pantry has received some good publicity in a local magazine and the Suburban Life Newspaper.

19. Old Business.

Regarding the salary discussions, Trustee Ferguson stated that some of the frustrations come from the fact that some salaries were frozen in the past for a period of time, and making exorbitant increases at one time now did not seem appropriate, and therefore gradual increases over time was more appropriate. The goal is to correct and catch up on the pay inequity for some positions.

20. New Business.

No New Business was brought forward

21. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Ferguson and it was seconded by Trustee Kelly and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk