

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of
Downers Grove Township Board of Trustees
4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515
November 17, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Coultrap called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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 Ockrim, Trustee Ferguson, Trustee Ricordati and Trustee Stoll.

Elected and Appointed Officials present were Allen Alongi, Township Attorney, and Township Clerk, Lorraine Grimsby.

Others present: Karol Sole, resident.

4. Public Comment

Supervisor Coultrap asked if there was anyone who had comments to make. Comments and discussion can be viewed online at: dgtownship.com

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 October 20, 2022, as Presented

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting from October 20, 2022, as Presented, and was seconded by Trustee Stoll. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nay-0. Motion carried.

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

General Town Fund	10/01/2022 to 10/31/2022	\$ 26,312.15
General Road Fund	10/01/2022 to 10/31/2022	\$148,821.14

Trustee Ockrim made a Motion to Approve the Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims, as Presented, and the motion was seconded by Mary Stoll. There was no Trustee discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nays-0. Motion carried.

7. Motion to Approve PACE Contract for Calendar Year 2023 as presented.

Supervisor Coultrap stated that the PACE contract was received yesterday, therefore it will place on the December agenda for discussion and approval.

8. Motion to Approve Resolution 2023-1117-1 Downers Grove Township 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule.

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve Resolution 2023-1117-1 Downers Grove Township 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule. Trustee Ockrim seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nay-0. Motion carried.

9. Motion to Approve Resolution 2023-1117-2 Downers Grove Township 2023 Holiday Schedule.

Trustee Ferguson made a motion to Approve Resolution 2023-1117-2 Downers Grove Township 2023 Holiday Schedule. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati.

Supervisor Coultrap stated that Juneteenth Day has been added to the holiday schedule and the floating holiday in December eliminated.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nays-0. Motion carried.

10. Motion to Approve 2023-2024 Health Insurance contract for full-time Township Employees to be administered by IXSolutions.

Trustee Ockrim made a motion to Approve 2023-2024 Health Insurance contract for full-time employees to be administered by IXSolutions. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion.

Trustee Ferguson asked for the rate increase. Supervisor Coultrap the BCBS rates have been increased by approximately 6%. Rates were compared and BCBS is the most competitive. An on-line portal will be set up so employees can pick their benefit package.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nay-0. Motion carried.

11. Motion to Approve 2023-2024 Levy Request for Downers Grove Township General Fund, General Assistance Fund, and IMRF Fund. (Noticed: Public Hearing on Budget Ordinance is scheduled for February 23, 2023).

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Approve 2023-2024 Levy Request for Downers Grove Township General Fund, General Assistance Fund, and IMRF Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoll.

Supervisor Coultrap stated that Downers Grove Township is asking for a 3% increase and presented the highlights.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nay-0. Motion carried.

12. Motion to Approve 2023-2024 Levy Request for Downers Gove Township Road District.

Trustee Ockrim made a Motion to Approve 2023-2024 Levy Request for Downers Grove Township Road District as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferguson.

Supervisor Coultrap stated the Road District Levy Request is for 4.9%.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nay-0. Motion carried.

13. Motion to Approve CERT Contract with Milton Township and Downers Grove Township Road District and Downers Grove Township.

Trustee Ricordati Motion to Approve CERT Contract with Milton Township and Downers Grove Township Road District and Downers Grove Township. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ockrim.

Supervisor Coultrap stated that the CERT Contract is an Annual IGA for the Community Emergency Response Team. CERT was extremely important during the recent tornado and also helped with traffic control for our Paper Recycling program.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nay-0. Motion carried.

14. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor reported on the following:

- Game Day: residents have requested additional days.
- Community Dining is going well.
- Dementia program called "Jane's Journey" was well received. Currently, we are working with other Villages and retirement homes on expanding this program. More programs are proposed in 2023,
- Friends for Downers Grove Township Seniors will be hosting a fundraiser through Neat's Kitchen on Monday, December 5, 2022, 4:00-7:00 PM.
- Our General Assistance office has handled over 600 requests.
- A 211 Call Referral System has been implemented to aid with mental health and other issues.
- Township Fall Youth Services will be ending soon.
- For classes and events at the Township Senior Center, please register at:

Register at: humanservices@dgtownship.com or 630-719-6670

10. Assessor's Report

No report.

11. Highway Commission Report

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

- Crews continued to patch or repair open driveway and road culverts with asphalt in these subdivisions: Timbelake, Timberlake South, Pleasantdale, Downers Grove Gardens, Tri-State, Golfview, Palisades, Babson Park and Brookeridge.
- Storm sewer basins where sink holes had formed were repaired in Hinswood. subdivision as well as Secret Forest and Farmingdale North subdivisions.
- We finished our fall brush pickup in sections four and five as well as picking up downed limbs from several windy days early in the month.
- Crews prepared the equipment that we store for the winter in our cold storage building. Water lines were drained and equipment we use in the summer was secured for the winter.
- Crews hung salt spreaders and spinners on our trucks and snowplows were gone over in preparation for winter use. Monday morning, we experienced our first measurable snow of the year and crews salted all our streets to melt the snow and slush and make them safe for travel.
- My department attended the annual salt and deicing seminar sponsored by the County and the Conservation Foundation. The goal of the seminar is to help departments reduce the amount of calcium chloride we spread on the roads during the winter while keeping the roads safe for traffic. Recent studies have shown that more and more salt is making its way into our streams which affects fish, turtles, vegetation and wildlife in an adverse way. The seminar talked about new technology and modern practices we can use to help lower our salt totals and help keep our streams clean while at the same time keeping our roads safe for winter travel.

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

Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Move to Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) and Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21). The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati. Time: 7:42 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nay-0. Motion carried

14. Motion to Return to Open Session

Trustee Ricordati made a Motion to Return to Open Session. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Stoll. Time: 8:12 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ockrim, "Aye", Trustee Ferguson, "Aye", Trustee Stoll, "Aye", Trustee Ricordati, "Aye", Supervisor Coultrap, "Aye". Ayes-5. Nay-0. Motion carried

15. Closed Session Report

There was no Closed Session report.

16. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Coultrap called for a Motion to Adjourn. Trustee Ockrim made a Motion to Adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati. The Motion was carried by voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next Downers Grove Township Board Meeting will be held on December 15, 2022, beginning at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Grimsby, Township Clerk