

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
December 4, 2014

A meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held December 4, 2014 at the Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. *Call to Order:* Supervisor Wurster called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and everyone present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. *Roll Call:* Town Clerk Hois called the roll. Board members in attendance were Trustee Abbate, Trustee Cuthbert, Trustee Grimsby, Trustee Swanston, and Supervisor Wurster. Attorney Alongi was also present.
3. *Public Comment:* There was no public comment.
4. *Correspondence:* Clerk Hois said the Supervisor's office had received on December 3, 2014 notice from the Village of Willowbrook that property at 6407 Lane Court, 504 Ridgemoor, and 512 Rodgemoor had been annexed to the Village of Willowbrook on October 13, 2014. The Trustees inquired about process and procedure, as the Township had not received advance notice.
5. *Minutes:* Supervisor Wurster called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 6, 2014. Trustee Grimsby made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, and all voted aye.
6. *Invoices:* The Board of Trustees reviewed the invoices prior to the meeting:

General Town Fund	11/20	\$ 12,851.35
General Town Fund	12/04	\$ 6,518.34
General Road Fund	11/19	\$ 17,924.99
General Road Fund	12/02	\$ 23,287.16
General Assistance	11/01 to 11/28	\$ 1,500.00

Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the invoices, which motion was seconded by Trustee Swanston. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

7. *Approval of Pace Contract for 2015:* Joan Nichols from the Supervisor's office offered information on budget and actual expenditures for Pace Transportation Services, including Dial-A-Ride for Township residents 65 and older and qualified persons with a disability of any age. The cost estimate for Township's share of costs for 2015 is \$35,097, up \$6,751 from last year. Joan said many people use Dial-A-Ride for medical appointments, scheduling their ride one week in advance. More people are utilizing the shared ride system within the Township, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to approve the Pace Paratransit Local Share Agreement, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby, all voted aye.

8. *Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Renewal for 2015:* David Enk from Stumm Insurance presented the proposed health insurance plan for Downers Grove Township employees. The HMO rates from 2014 to 2015 went down about 15%, and the HAS plan rates went down about 1.5%. Last year, in 2014, the Township made a contribution of \$1,000 per employee HAS. This year, 2015, the Township is contributing \$1,250 to employee HSA. Trustee Cuthbert said the Board should look at where the Township wants to be competitively with regard to its health insurance plan for the next 5 years. Supervisor Wurster thanked Trustee Cuthbert for his suggestion and asked him to formulate a proposed 5-year plan for the Board to consider. Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the BCBS health insurance plan renewal for 2015, which motion was seconded by Trustee Swanston, all voted aye.

9. *Next Steps on Refuse Collection, Disposal, Recycling Program for Unincorporated Areas of the Township:* Supervisor Wurster asked Jack Novak, refuse committee chair, to describe next steps for a refuse collection program, now that the referendum passed by 62.3% of the votes cast at the November 4, 2014 General Election. Jack Novak provided a sample letter to be sent to the 18 homeowners' associations ("H.O.A.s") involved in the refuse collection discussions, seeking representatives from each association to participate on an advisory committee to gather input and develop a bid package. Trustee Grimsby will sit on the advisory committee and assist with gathering input and feedback from members of the unincorporated area communities. Deputy Supervisor West will tally information already obtained from surveys. Jack Novak will work with the advisory committee to develop a refuse bid package, which may be ready in June, 2015 or earlier. Supervisor Wurster said he would be glad to attend the committee meetings. Every year in February, Supervisor Wurster meets with the H.O.A.s. He said refuse collection and recycling for unincorporated area residents may be among the topics discussed at the next H.O.A. meeting in February, 2015.

10. *Supervisor's Report:* Supervisor Wurster addressed the proposed sale of real estate known as Lot 5, a 50- x 132- vacant parcel located on east side of Saratoga Avenue 100 feet south of Ogden Avenue, adjacent to former Citgo station. The electors granted the Township permission to sell the lot at the Special Township Meeting held on October 28, 2014. A real estate developer proposed to lease Lot 5 and one or two of the additional lots to the south that are also owed by the Township. Upon consideration, the Board of Trustees indicated they were in favor of staying with the original plan to sell Lot 5.

11. *Old Business:* Trustee Cuthbert inquired about the status of the suggestion that all 9 Townships in DuPage County might share the cost to hire a lobbyist in Springfield. This would cost the Downers Grove Township \$3,000 per year, with \$1,000 each paid by Highway Department, Assessor, and Supervisor's

offices. Supervisor Wurster said the idea was raised again at a recent Supervisor's meeting, and two or three of the 9 townships in DuPage County have decided that they do not wish to participate. The Trustees asked what value a lobbyist would provide for the cost. A discussion similar to that held at the October 2, 2014 meeting followed. The Trustees would require more information if they were to consider this idea in the future. For now, the Board is not in favor of committing to help to pay for a lobbyist.

12. New Business: NONE.

13. Executive Session: NONE.

14. *Adjournment:* There being no further business Trustee Grimsby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hois
Town Clerk