

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Downers Grove Township Board  
4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, IL  
December 7, 2017

Regular Board Meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Downers Grove Township held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 7:30 PM at 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

1. Call to Order:

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

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 Abby Ferguson, Trustee Karen Kelly, Trustee David Van Der Laan and Supervisor Mark Thoman. A quorum was physically present.

Absent: None

Elected and Appointed Officials present: Clerk Grimsby and Assessor Boltz.

Staff and others present included some personnel and one resident

4. Public Comment:

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

Ms. Karol Sole spoke against agenda #8: Public Speaking policy stating it should not be considered at a meeting scheduled at 7:30 AM.

5. Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2017.

Clerk presented the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2017 for review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to approve the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2017, with a second by Trustee Donner. Trustee Kelly asked to amend the minutes as follows: Under New Business -item #12 should read "employee portion costs of the health insurance policy and recommended a 1% increase for health insurance and assess a 4% for dental. Trustee Van Der Laan stated that under Public Comment that President Schwarz should be stated Principal Schwarz from Downers Grove South High School, all voted aye on Amending minutes. Motion Carried.

6. Motion to Approve the Special Meeting Minutes of Friday, November 17, 2017.

Clerk presented the Special meeting minutes of November 17, 2017 for review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee Kelly to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 17, 2017, with a second by Trustee Donner, all voted aye. Motion carried.

7. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

No Bills or Claims were presented for payment.

8. Motion to Approve Public Speaking policy.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to Approve the Public Speaking policy, Trustee Kelly seconded the motion. Trustee Van Der Laan stated there was one technical issue between the Request to Speak and Public Meeting Speaking Rules forms. On Public Speaking Rules, #2 and the Sign in sheet, both documents should state that the form should be tendered to the Clerk. Supervisor Thoman proposed not having the sign-in sheet. After discussing, Supervisor Thoman called for a vote. Three Trustees voted aye, two Trustees voted nay. (3-2 vote). Motion carried.

9. Motion to Increase the Employee Contributions to both the Medical Health Care and Dental Plans for the year 2018.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to Increase the Employee Contributions to both the Medical Health Care and Dental Plans for the year 2018, Trustee Donner seconded the motion.

Supervisor Thoman moved to amend the motion to Increase the Employee Contributions to both the Medical Health Care and Dental Plans for the year 2018 with a motion to postpone indefinitely. Trustee Van Der Laan seconded the motion. Supervisor Thoman clarified the amendment by stating if this passed it will entirely remove this agenda item from this meeting without prejudice, therefore the agenda item can be brought back at any future meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Supervisor Thoman called for a vote on the Amended motion to Increase the Employee Contributions to both the Medical Health Care and Dental Plans for the year 2018 to be postponed indefinitely. Roll Call: Trustees Donner, Ferguson, Kelly and Van Der Laan, nay. Supervisor Thoman – aye. Motion Failed (4-1)

Supervisor Thoman called for a vote to Increase the Employee Contributions to both the Medical Health Care and Dental Plans for the Year 2018. For clarification: 3 to 4% for employee's contribution on medical, 10% to 11% for spouses and dependents for medical; Dental: 0% to 4% for employees and 0-11% for spouses and dependents for Dental. Roll Call: Trustees Donner, Ferguson, Kelly and Van Der Laan – aye. Supervisor Thoman – nay. Motion carried. (4-1)

10. Supervisor's Report.

a. Supervisor Thoman updated the Board on our Dial-A-Ride, Pace issues. The Pace contract renewal will be on the December 19, 2017 agenda. Within the last few months, several issues and complaints have been brought to our attention. Some Pace executives have met with us regarding contract revisions and monitoring their dispatch policies and procedures.

b. Budgets: budget proposals will be forthcoming. Budget discussions will begin in January. 2018-2019 Fiscal year begins March 1, 2018.

c. I-55 Corridor: Supervisor Thoman attended their meeting last night. Additional screen walls will be installed to control noise and high occupancy lanes are proposed to be added.

11. Old Business.

No Old Business was brought forward

12. New Business

a. Trustee Donner reported that he attended the Timberlake Meeting. Trustee Donner stated the residents were very appreciative on the support that was provided for opposing the asphalt plant.

b. Trustee Van Der Laan stated that he wished discuss an idea for the Peer Jury issue. Trustee Van Der Laan asked if we could convene a subcommittee of Trustees to look at issue and come up with a way the Township may or help smooth the transition to whatever the new model will be. i.e. Citizen Proposal or some third approach. Trustees could do some research and report back to the Board. Trustee Ferguson will also volunteer.

13. Executive Session.

No motion was made to go into Executive Session.

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman asked for a motion to Adjourn at 8:55 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Van Der Laan and it was seconded by Trustee Donner, all voted aye. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk