

MINUTES OF DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
December 17, 2015

A meeting of the Town Board of Downers Grove Township was held December 17, 2015 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 Boltz, Trustee Cuthbert, Trustee Grimsby and Supervisor Wurster. Assessor Cockrell and Highway Commissioner Anderson were present. Attorney Alongi was also present.
3. *Public Comment:* There were many residents in the audience interested in the proposed refuse program, and Supervisor Wurster asked them to please wait until item 9 on the agenda to provide their comments. Two employees, one from the Assessor's office, the other from the Highway department asked the Board to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance contract, as they had only one more day, by December 18, 2015 to make their elections for the coming year.
4. *Correspondence:* NONE.
5. *Minutes:* Trustee Grimsby made a motion to amend the Minutes of the Township Board meeting held on November 19, 2015, which motion was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, all voted aye, and the motion carried. Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended, which motion was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, and all voted aye to approve the Minutes as amended.
6. *Invoices:* The Board of Trustees reviewed the invoices prior to the meeting:

General Town Fund	11/20	\$ 721.23
General Town Fund	12/03	\$ 862.24
General Town Fund	12/17	\$ 26,610.32
General Road Fund	12/02	\$ 21,102.05
General Road Fund	12/15	\$391,852.99
Cemetery	12/15	\$ 3,505.00
General Assistance	10/01to 10/31	\$ 3,561.26
General Assistance	11/01 to 11/30	\$ 2,046.50

Trustee's questions were asked and answered. Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve the invoices, which motion was seconded by Trustee Cuthbert, four Board members voted aye, Trustee Boltz voted present, and the motion carried.

7. *Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Health Insurance Contract 2016:* The Board of Trustees discussed proposed contract, recommendations for timing and going

out to market next year. Stumm Insurance was asked to review BCBS plans offered this year. After a discussion of options for family dependent coverages, Trustee Abbate made a motion to approve BCBS contract with the 3% individual employee/90% family dependent option, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby. Clerk Hois took a roll call vote, Trustees Abbate, Boltz, Cuthbert, Grimsby, Wurster all voted aye in favor, and the motion carried 5-0.

8. *Approve PACE Contract for Dial-A-Ride Service 2016:* The Trustees discussed the Dial-A-Ride program, an important benefit offered by the Township, and the need to put information together on what other Townships charge for this service. The Trustees asked Supervisor Wurster to prepare an information packet and to put Dial-A-Ride on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting. Downers Grove Township's service at \$5 a ride is expensive compared to other, similar programs. Supervisor Wurster has said he would like to explore options to reduce the cost per ride for seniors in Downers Grove Township. Trustee Boltz made a motion to approve the PACE contract as presented for 2016, which motion was seconded by Trustee Grimsby, and all voted aye.
9. *Discuss Bid Submittals Received in Response to Request for Proposal (RFP) for Refuse Services in Unincorporated Areas of Downers Grove Township, select Successful Bidder:* Supervisor Wurster said the bid information had been placed on the website for review, and invited public comments. A homeowner association representative said the request for proposal was well organized and effective in getting uniform pricing from each of the bidders, and asked the Board to select the opt-out option. Others agreed that they want the opt-out option and good refuse collection services. Rich Vandermullen from Republic Services said Republic's bid offered the lowest cost for low volume users. Frank Hillegonds from Groot Industries said Groot's unlimited refuse pick-up at \$19 per month under the opt-out option is the "Cadillac" of all services, hassle free. He added that Groot has a very strong presence in Downers Grove Township. Trustee Grimsby reminded the Board that it would need to choose a category, either the mandatory or the opt-out category. Township Attorney Alongi and Trustee Grimsby addressed further questions regarding the terms of the RFP.
10. *Approve Successful Bidder Contract for Refuse Services:* Trustee Grimsby thanked everyone for comments and participation in the request for proposal (RFP) process. She recommended Groot Industries as the refuse hauler for Downers Grove Township under category 2 opt out. Discussion followed with questions directed to Attorney Alongi regarding the contract to be created in accordance with terms and conditions in the RFP. Once prepared, the contract will come back to the Board for review and a vote on whether it is acceptable or not. Attorney Alongi said we are a couple of months away. Frank Hillegonds representing Groot said it may take up to 60 days before the refuse services contract is ready to be signed. Trustee Grimsby made a motion to approve Groot Industries as the successful bidder, which motion was seconded by Trustee Abbate. Clerk Hois took the roll call vote: Trustees Abbate, Boltz, Cuthbert,

Grimsby and Supervisor Wurster all voted aye in favor, the motion carried 5-0. Attorney Alongi congratulated Groot Industries and thanked Republic Services for bidding, saying Republic does a good job in his neighborhood.

11. *Supervisor's Report:* Supervisor Wurster thanked Trustee Grimsby, Jack Novak, and Attorney Alongi for their efforts toward establishing a refuse program and thanked members of the public for their input and participation in the process.
12. *Old Business:* Trustee Abbate said she had contacted trustees in other Townships in DuPage County, six of the nine Townships had asked for an increase in their levy ranging from 0.8 to 4.9%. One of the Townships had decreased its levy. Trustee Abbate said some of the Townships used a budgeting process, it varied. Supervisor Wurster said Jim Seay will provide an update on the Township's electricity aggregation program at the regular Board meeting in February, 2016.
13. *New Business:* Trustee Cuthbert said he had received an email from a resident who praised Lori Wrzesinski, Director Human Services for the "did you know" messages from the Township posted on the next door neighbor email networks. Assessor Cockrell commented that the next door networks are a fabulous tool to use to communicate information to many people at one time. Supervisor Wurster advised the Trustees that the checkbook online has been prepared and asked the Trustees to sign in order to have the checkbook placed on the website. Trustee Cuthbert asked to have Executive Session on the agenda by itself, not tied to any particular reason for going into Executive Session, Clerk Hois said sure (yes). Trustee Boltz said the folks from Timberlake homeowner association told him that Andy Anderson, Highway Commissioner, is doing a great job.
14. *Executive Session – Approve Closed Session Minutes from Closed Session held June 18, 2015 (Trustee to Replace William Swanston):* Trustee Cuthbert made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m., which motion was seconded by Trustee Abbate, and all voted aye.
15. *Report Board Determination Regarding Closed Session Minutes:* The Board reported in open session its decision that the Closed Session Minutes from the closed session held on June 18, 2015 should remain confidential.
16. *Adjournment:* There being no further business, Trustee Grimsby made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Trustee Abbate, and all voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hois  
Town Clerk