

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees
Downers Grove Township
4340 Prince St, Downers Grove, IL
December 19, 2019

Regular Board Meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Downers Grove Township held on Thursday, December 19, 2019, 7:30 PM at 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

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

Elected and Appointed Officials present: Clerk Lorraine Grimsby and Attorney Allan Alongi.

Staff and others present: One staff member, 1 resident and Ed Kalina, Engineering Solutions

4. Public Comment:

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

Resident Karol Sole asked about the agenda item to Approve RFP/RFQ for a Township Community Center and stated that she may have missed a few meetings where this was discussed and asked how we are with building the funding for this major project. Ms. Sole has reviewed the plans but wants to feel comfortable that the Township has the funding available to bid out the project. Supervisor Thoman stated that he would send Ms. Sole a detailed email with plans and projections. It has taken the Township 2 plus years to get to this point with meetings, permits and now the bidding process.

5. Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2019.

Clerk Grimsby presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2019 for review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee Ferguson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2019 as presented with a second by Trustee Donner. Motion carried by voice vote. Trustee Van Der Laan abstained.

6. Trustee Audit and Approval of Bills and Claims.

General Town Fund	12/18 to 12/18/19	\$ 18,147.04
General Road Fund	12/18 to 12/19/19	\$ 92,887.26
General Assistance	11/01 to 11/30/19	\$ 2,351.85
Capital Improvement	12/17 to 12/17/19	\$ 31,550.00

Trustee Van Der Laan made a motion to approve the Bills and Claims, motion seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Motion to Approve Increase Employee Contribution Rates from 5% to 7% effective January 1, 2020. (Roll call vote)

Motion by Trustee Ferguson and seconded by Trustee Donner to Approve Increase Employee Contribution Rates from 5% to 7% effective January 1, 2020. Trustee Ferguson feels it is the responsible thing to do and it has been brought to our attention that other county/government employees pay more. Trustee Donner stated that we are not making an enormous increase but a very slow, reasonable increase to be more in line with other agencies. Roll call vote: Trustee Ferguson-aye; Trustee Donner-aye; Trustee Kelly-aye; Trustee Van Der Laan-aye and Supervisor Thoman-aye. Motion passed. (5-0)

8. Motion to Approve RFP/RFQ for Township Center, to be published no later than January 15, and put out for bid January 22, 2020 through February 12, 2020. (Roll call vote)

A Motion was made by Trustee Kelly to Approve RFP/RFQ for Township Center, to be published no later than January 15, and put out for bid January 22, 2010 through February 12, 2020, seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Roll call vote: Trustee Ferguson-aye; Trustee Donner-aye; Trustee Kelly-aye; Trustee Van Der Laan-aye and Supervisor Thoman-aye. Motion passed. (5-0)

9. Budget Information on Highway Fund. (No vote at this time)

Supervisor Thoman reported that Highway Commissioner Anderson has provided budget information for review. The Public Hearings will be held prior to the Regular Meeting in February 2020.

10. Budget Information on Assessor Department. (No vote at this time)

Supervisor Thoman stated that the Assessor is required to submit a budget at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the new budget year. When received, it will be distributed for review.

11. Budget Information on General Fund. (No vote at this time)

Supervisor Thoman stated that budget information and notes have been provided to the Board members for review. It also includes information on the General Assistance Fund and stated the reserves are back within the guidelines of our Reserve Policy that was passed earlier this year.

12. Supervisor's Report.

No additional Supervisor comments were made at this time.

13. Old Business.

No Old Business was brought forward.

14. New Business

No New Business was brought forward.

15. Motion to Move to Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS

120/2(c)(21) to review closed session minutes, including the semi-annual review of closed session minutes and 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2), deliberation concerning salary schedules of one or more classes of Township employees, as mandated by Section 2.06.
(Roll Call)

Trustee Van Der Laan moved to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), to review closed session minutes, including the the semi-annual review of closed session minutes and 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2), deliberation concerning salary schedules of one or more classes of Township employees, as mandated by Section 2.06, motion seconded by Trustee Donner. Roll call vote: Trustee Donner-aye; Trustee Kelly-aye; Trustee Van Der Laan- aye; Trustee Ferguson-aye; and Supervisor Thoman-aye. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0. Time: 7:45 PM

16. Motion Return to Open Session at (time) (Roll Call)

Trustee Van Der Laan moved to Reconvene to Open Session, motion seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Roll Call vote: Trustee Donner-aye; Trustee Kelly-aye; Trustee Van Der Laan- aye; Trustee Ferguson-aye; and Supervisor Thoman-aye. Nays: 0. Motion carried 5-0. Time: 7:55 PM

Supervisor Thoman stated that no action is being taken at this time regarding the Closed Minutes.

17. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Thoman asked for a Motion to Adjourn. At 7:57 PM, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Van Der Laan, seconded by Trustee Ferguson. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk