

## MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD DEKALB, ILLINOIS September 23, 2020

Due to the Governor's order restricting gatherings of 10 or more people, and in an effort to restrict the spread of COVID 19, the Township reserves the right to restrict attendance to the meeting. The Township encouraged anyone who wished to attend the Town Board meeting to do so. Should we be unable to safely accommodate social distancing guidelines, the Township Board reserves the right to adjourn until such time (and place) when social distancing is possible.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Supervisor Teboda at the Township offices located at 2323 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois. Roll call was taken. Those present were: Supervisor Teboda, Highway Commissioner Smith, Assessor Dyer, Trustees Flavin and King. Trustee McNett was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

**Town Hall Public Comments:** Mark Charvat the new contract position needs details. How is the money being transferred from Supervisor to contracted individual? The public should be taken into consideration. There should be itemized accounting included as part of board packet. The applicants for the Trustee position should have been posted on the Township's website. The board packets should be posted and available to the public sooner. Congratulations on making the website up to date.

Brad Stewart, Attorney for the Township, explained that the budget line item for salaries contains all Township employees, including the Supervisor pay. The Supervisor does have the authority to hire or contract with an employee. The only constraint is the line item set in the budget for salaries.

Supervisor Teboda addressed the concerns of Mr. Charvat regarding the posting of the Trustee applicants' names in the agenda for the meeting. She stated that the agenda had to be posted before the deadline for the interested applicants to apply.

Supervisor Teboda announced that there were three applicants for the Trustee position and one withdrew. The two remaining applicants are present and their names are: Karen Wilkerson and Mary Hess.

Both candidates presented to the board their reasons, desires, qualifications, and future plans as a board member.

A motion was made by Trustee King to nominate Karen Wilkerson as the new Township Trustee. No second was provided. The motion did not move forward.



Supervisor Teboda made a motion to recess for five minutes to give each board member time to individually deliberate the decision before them and seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed and the recess was called at 6:34 pm.

At 6:39 pm Supervisor Teboda reconvened the meeting.

Supervisor Teboda thanked both candidates and stated that she felt both were qualified to assume the position as Township Trustee. With that in mind, she also took into account the fact that since Trustee McNett was absent, she wanted to also consider what his decision might be.

Supervisor Teboda made a motion to appoint Mary Hess as the new Township Trustee and was seconded by Trustee Flavin. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Teboda, Aye; Trustee Flavin, Aye and Trustee King, Aye. Motion passed.

Congratulations were extended to newly appointed DeKalb Township Trustee Mary Hess.

A motion was made by Trustee King to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 6:42 pm

Geralynne M. Kunde, Town Clerk

Nancy Teboda, Town Supervisor

The oath of office was administered to Trustee Hess, by the DeKalb Township Clerk after the meeting concluded.