



MINUTES, TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
March 11th, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 6:01p at the Township offices located at 2323 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois. Roll was taken, those present were: Supervisor Johnson, Highway Commissioner Smith, Assessor Dyer, Trustees King, McNett and Teboda; with Trustee Flavin absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Johnson and all in attendance.

Members of the Public Present: Susan Peterson, Executive Director of 4 C's.

Supervisor Johnson presented the agenda for the meeting and a motion was made by Trustee Teboda to accept the agenda as presented. A second was provided by Trustee King. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson, Aye; Trustee Flavin, Absent; Trustee King, Aye; Trustee McNett, Aye and Trustee Teboda, Aye. Motion passed.

Reports from the Public: None

Presentations: Susan Peterson thanked the board and Township for partnering with 4 C's for the benefit of children. She explained the grants awarded to 4 C's by the Township board help fund the nursing staff, social workers and professional development. She also presented the story of "Lucas" and how the organization helps children in need. NIU Cares day is scheduled for April 18. There will be a community b-b-q, at the end of the day, at Welsh Park in DeKalb. The Township is helping sponsor the event and further details will be announced. There will be food, music, entertainment and social service information available. DeKalb Township was given the "Change Maker" award from Simba Simsa. It was awarded by Reverend Joe Mitchell for the work, the grants that the township has awarded throughout the community.

Reports:

Supervisor Johnson: The Township is beginning COVID 19 preparations and has had discussions with staff about procedures if the building needs to be shut down. Many quick decisions may need to be made. The township building may be shut down with an edict from Highway Commissioner Smith. A special meeting may need to be called in order to approve the agenda for the Annual Township meeting.

Clerk Kunde: Nothing





Road Commissioner Smith: At the annual meeting Commission Smith will be presenting the purchase of the triangle land next to the township building for approval by the electors. Budgets have been posted for 30 days and will need to be received and approved tonight. Some roads are being returned to the township by the City of DeKalb. The transfer is on the City's agenda and hopefully will be complete by this summer. Commissioner Smith would like to inform the board that an application has been turned in for hiring a part time person to help mow the cemeteries; from a young man who grew up in DeKalb and attends N.I.U.. Right now, we are in Spring posting and there is not a lot of work available.

Assessor Dyer: Has had discussion with his employees regarding COVID 19 if the building is shut down. They will be working from home; 3 laptops will need to be purchased for \$3210.00 and he will be ordering now. This purchase only exceeds his budget line by \$400.00.

Trustee King: Attended the Simba Simsa award ceremony on behalf of the Township. It was an impressive event; young people of color doing positive things. N.I.U. is in contingency plans for COVID 19 if the university has to shut down.

Trustee Flavin: Absent

Trustee McNett: Nothing

Trustee Teboda: Asked how the new personnel policy was received by the township employees?

Responses:

Supervisor Johnson stated that in the beginning there was some resistance and tension; everyone has moved passed the problems. It was an adjustment period and everything is moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Smith stated that there was not a lot of change for the employees in his department.

Assessor Dyer stated that tension was relatively high and is easing.

Bill Paying:

A motion to approve the February audit report and March bills to pay was made by Trustee Teboda and seconded by Trustee King. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson, Aye; Trustee Flavin, Absent; Trustee King, Aye; Trustee McNett, Aye and Trustee Teboda, Aye. Motion passed.



A motion to approve and file the February Treasurer's budgetary report was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Trustee Teboda. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson, Aye; Trustee Flavin, Absent; Trustee King, Aye; Trustee McNett, Aye and Trustee Teboda, Aye. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Supervisor Johnson presented Resolution #2020-001, Anti-Harassment Policy. The policy is in line with state regulations. Trustee King made a motion to approve and the second was provided by Trustee Teboda. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson, Aye; Trustee Flavin, Absent; Trustee King, Aye; Trustee McNett, Aye and Trustee Teboda, Aye. Motion passed.

Supervisor Johnson state that at the last Committee on Youth meeting a quorum was not met; C.O.Y is being redesigned. In the absence of a quorum the following two grants are being presented for approval to the Township Board.

An award to the DeKalb Public Library for \$500.00. A motion was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Trustee King to award the grant. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson, Aye; Trustee Flavin, Absent; Trustee King, Aye; Trustee McNett, Aye and Trustee Teboda, Aye. Motion passed.

An award to the local Boy Scout Troop for \$750.00. A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Trustee Teboda. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson, Aye; Trustee Flavin, Absent; Trustee King, Aye; Trustee McNett, Aye and Trustee Teboda, Aye. Motion passed.

Township business:

Approval of funds to paid to the Kishwaukee United Way 2-1-1 program for \$1000.00 to purchase a table at the annual breakfast meeting. A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee McNett. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson, Aye; Trustee Flavin, Absent; Trustee King, Aye; Trustee McNett, Aye and Trustee Teboda, Aye. Motion passed.

Approve and authorize Supervisor Johnson to execute a settlement agreement for the litigation, case #2019 TX 36, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00, in accordance with terms to be finalized by the Township's legal counsel. A motion was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee McNett. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson, Aye; Trustee Flavin, Absent; Trustee King, Aye; Trustee McNett, Aye and Trustee Teboda, Aye. Motion passed.



Discussion regarding Sundog IT and the Townships need for internet and computer security. Costs have been built into the budget for next year. The Township needs to start planning for possible ransomware and other types of computer hacking. The current system is working and further discussions will take place in the future.

Discussion took place on the possibility of providing Library Cards to Township residents. More information will be forth coming. A plan is being formalized.

Discussion took place on the Town budget for fiscal year 2021 and will be presented for approval at next month's meeting.

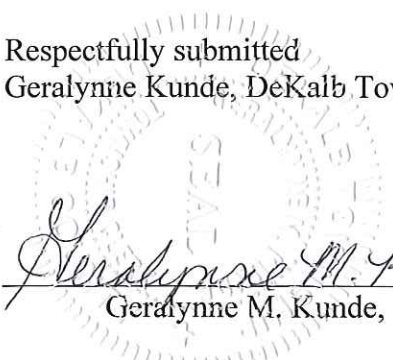
Discussion took place on the Road District's budget for fiscal year 2021 and will be presented for approval at next month's meeting.

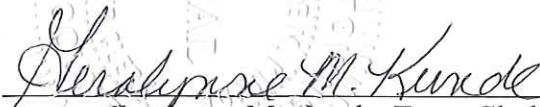
Approval of the regular Town minutes: a motion was made by Supervisor Johnson to approve the minutes from the February 12th, 2020 meeting and was seconded by Trustee McNett. Motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting: Will be on April 14th, 2020 Township Offices located at 2424 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb and will be a Levy meeting. The Committee on Youth meeting will May 28th, 2018. The Annual Township meeting is scheduled for April 14th, 2020 at 7:00p.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Teboda and seconded by Trustee McNett. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:17p.

Respectfully submitted
Geraldynne Kunde, DeKalb Township Clerk




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Jennifer Jeep Johnson, Town Supervisor