



Minutes, Board of Town Trustees
DeKalb, Illinois
Annual Town Meeting
August 18th, 2020

Due to the Governor's orders related to COVID-19 and in an effort to restrict the spread of COVID 19, the Township postponed its Annual Town Meeting until August 18th, 2020 and held the Town Hall in the garage of the Township building, everyone in attendance wore masks and practiced social distancing.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Township Clerk Geralynne Kunde at the Township offices located at 2323 South Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois.

Clerk Kunde lead the electorate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Kunde gave a brief welcome to all Town members in attendance and proceeded to introduce the Township Officials present. Those acknowledged were: Supervisor Nancy Teboda, Road Commissioner Craig Smith, Township Assessor Rich Dyer, Township Trustees Lisa King, Kevin Flavin and Chad McNett.

Clerk Kunde asked for a motion to be made to set the meeting Moderator's pay. Elector David Jacobson made a motion to set the fee at \$100.00 for the evening and was seconded by Elector Jim Luebke. Motion passed.

Clerk Kunde asked for nominations from the floor to appoint a Moderator for the evening. Elector Craig Smith made a motion to appoint to Lesa Eames as Moderator and was seconded by Elector Rich Dyer. Motion passed.

Clerk Kunde administered the oath to Ms. Lesa Eames and turned the floor over to the Moderator.

Moderator Eames thanked the electorate for appointing her as Moderator and announced she was waiving the \$100.00 fee and wished to have the money donated to DeKalb County Community Gardens.

Moderator Eames asked for a reading of the minutes from the Annual Town meeting of 2019. Elector Mark Charvat requested that meeting packets and minutes be posted on the Township's website. A motion was made by Elector Chad McNett to accept the minutes as printed and waive the reading of the minutes, the motion was seconded by Elector Lisa King. Motion passed.

Moderator Eames then asked for approval and acceptance of the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statements. A motion was made by Elector Jim Luebke to approve as printed and was seconded by Elector Jake Smith. Motion Passed with Elector Mark Charvat opposing.



Action Items:

- A. Moderator Eames asked for authorization for the Town Board to Appropriate Monies to Repair Cemeteries in Disrepair. A motion was made to approve the request by Elector Craig Smith and was seconded by Elector Lisa King. Motion passed with one abstention from Elector Mark Charvat.
- B. Moderator Eames asked for the Electors to consider, discuss and vote on the purchase of 1.1 acres of real property for the Township. Elector Smith explained that the purchase is for future expansion of the Township property and buildings. Elector Bessie Chronopoulos asked for further explanation. Elector Smith went on to state that the salt storage building will need to be replaced in the future and that there are thoughts of opening a Township Recycling Center on the purchased property. A motion was made by Elector Rich Dyer to pass Resolution 2020-01 for the purchase of real property and was seconded by Elector Jeff Harness. Motion passed with 23 ayes.
- C. Moderator Eames asked for a motion to set the time of any Special Town meetings at 7:00pm. The motion was made by Elector Craig Smith for approval and was seconded by Elector Kevin Flavin. Motion passed.

Announcements from the floor:

Elector Charvat spoke correcting a statement made by Highway Commissioner Smith at the last Town Board meeting; the Agenda for Annual Town meeting is to be posted 15 days before the meeting, per statute and not the 30 days stated. Please make available, on the website, more past information relating to Township business. Would like to request that all future board meetings be done on Zoom so that more people may attend. Elector Charvat is concerned about the annual raises given to elected Township officials every year, he feels that in this time of family struggle that raises should not be given at this time.

Elector Bessie Chronopoulos spoke and thanked the board for responding in a positive manner during the Special Meeting of August 5th, 2020. The conversation engaged the public with positive discussions and outcomes.

Elector Charvat then questioned the decision of adding an Administrative position to the Township. Clerk Kunde explained that during the board meeting of August 12th, 2020 Trustee Nancy Teboda was elected as the new Township Supervisor and that the discussion and vote on an Administrative position was tabled until the September 9th, 2020 board meeting. Elector Charvat would also like TIF money to come back to the township; \$70,000 should be available to the Township's needy families. The board should work on obtaining the money from the City of DeKalb. All taxing bodies should work together to reduce expenses and the tax burden to the electors.

Elector Bessie Chronopoulos then spoke on TIF stating that all the taxing bodies need to get tough. Litigation is not necessary; mediation and negotiating might work to get the money back.



Moderator Eames then gave a challenge to all electors in the room to spread the word on DeKalb Township to get more people involved and attend the monthly meetings.

Moderator Eames announced that the next Annual Town meeting is scheduled for April 13th, 2021 at 7pm.

A motion was made by Elector Rich Dyer to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Elector Craig Smith. Motion passed.

Moderator King ended the meeting in regular manner at 7:37pm.

Submitted by:

Geralynne M. Kunde, DeKalb Township Clerk

Certified By:

Kevin Flavin, DeKalb Township Clerk

Date



TOWNSHIP REGISTERED VOTERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE
AUGUST 18TH, 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Last Name	First Name	Registered Voter
Brown	Erika	Yes
Charvat	Mark	Yes
Chronopoulos	Bessie	Yes
Dyer	Rich	Yes
Eames	Lesa	Yes
Flavin	Kevin	Yes
Gumino	Karen	Yes
Hansen	Erik	Yes
Harness	Jeff	Yes
Jacobson	David	Yes
King	Lisa	Yes
Kunde	Geralynne	Yes
Luebke	Jim	Yes
McNett	Chad	Yes
Poff	Jamie	Yes
Poff	McKenna	Yes
Reinink	Andrew	Yes
Reinink	Lordy	Yes
Sawyer	Sue	Yes
Smith	Angela	Yes
Smith	Craig	Yes
Smith	Jacob	Yes
Smith	Jessica	Yes
Teboda	Nancy	Yes

