



MINUTES, TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
March 13th, 2019

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

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

Members of the Public Present: Dan Kenney, the Executive Director of DeKalb County Community Gardens.

Presentations: Dan Kenney made a presentation to the board on behalf of the DeKalb County Community Gardens. Mr. Kenney thanked the board for contributions the Township has made through our grant programs. Mr. Kenney presented the board with a DeKalb Township Report packet that explained what the Community Gardens have accomplished with the number gardens established and the number of citizens that have been served. Mr. Kenney explained to the board that the Annie Glidden North area of DeKalb is considered a “food desert” and DCCG has future plans to eliminate the label from the area. Plans are being finalized to construct the Community Food and Education Center in the Annie Glidden North neighborhood. The future proposal is for the building and surrounding area to contain a grocery store, restaurant, shared-use kitchen, food hub, greenhouses and will be considered an urban farm. Discussions have taken place, for a future satellite office, for the Township General Assistance program contained in the building.

Reports:

Supervisor Johnson:

Dawn Littlefield from United Way has contacted the Township for a \$200 donation to support a documentary on Poverty being presented at the Egyptian Theater. We were also contacted for a \$1000 donation for ongoing maintenance of the 211 system and the production of a 211 Directory. Education of resources, hosting and maintaining records so everyone is clear on who is doing what. The funds are available in our Community Affairs line item of the budget.

April 13th is NIU Cares day. We will be cleaning at Oakwood Cemetery from 9a to noon, if you have a chance please join us.





April 27th the FSA will once again be holding the Senior Vehicle Check Program at the Township. The entire board is invited to come spend some time with the seniors and participate in this social event.

The General Assistance job description is still being compiled.

Bias training is being discussed and formalized for all Township employees. Once the training program has been finalized and scheduled the entire board is invited to attend.

Clerk Kunde:

Early voting started at the Sycamore location on February 22 and is scheduled to start at the Township building on March 18th.

Highway Commissioner Smith:

The Road District is once again being sued for taxation, the amount is far less than the previous law suit. Commissioner Smith is working on a three year budgetary plan to help eliminate future law suits.

The Township and Road & Bridge District are working with their respective attorneys and collectively to adopt and update the Personnel Policies for the districts.

South Grove Township purchased our truck for \$62,000.

On February 13th, 2019 Highway Commissioner Smith and Clerk Kunde attended the bid opening for the purchase of a new heavy duty, 2 axle dump truck for the district. Also in attendance were Jeff Harness and Jacob Smith.

Commissioner Smith will be presenting and submitting a Capital Fund question, during the Annual Town Meeting for a vote, to the electorate.

The Road District Budget will be presented later in the meeting, if anyone has any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact him.

Assessor Dyer:

Absent

Trustee Teboda:

Would like to see annual anti-bias training built into our personnel policies.

Trustee King:

Agrees with Trustee Teboda regarding the anti-bias training included in the personnel policy manual. Likes the idea of a 211 Directory.





Trustee McNett:

Agrees with the anti-bias training and would like to see it be mandatory and not optional.

Trustee Flavin:

Absent

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 King: Aye; Trustee Flavin: Absent; Trustee McNett: Aye and Trustee Teboda: Aye. Motion passed.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approval of the regular Town minutes: a motion was made by Trustee King to approve the minutes from the February 13th, 2019 meeting and was seconded by Trustee McNett. Motion passed.

Approval of the Annual Town Meeting Agenda: a motion was made by Trustee McNett to accept the agenda as presented and was seconded by Trustee Teboda. Motion passed.

Supervisor Johnson nominated Emily Faulkner, the DeKalb Public Library Director to sit on the Committee on Youth Board. Trustee Teboda made a motion to accept the nomination and was seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson to accept Road District Ordinance #2019-003, a right of way parking ordinance, the motion was seconded by Trustee McNett. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson: Aye; Trustee King: Aye; Trustee Flavin: Absent; Trustee McNett: Aye; and Trustee Teboda: Aye. Motion passed.





Presentation and discussion of the Road & Bridge Budget Ordinance #2019-002 took place.

Presentation and discussion of Town Budget Ordinance #2019-001 took place.

Both budgets will be discussed further and voted on during the April meeting.

Other Business:

Next Regular Meeting will be April 9th, 2019 at 6pm in the Township Offices located at 2323 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb.

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for April 9th, 2019 at 7pm in the Township Offices located at 2323 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb.

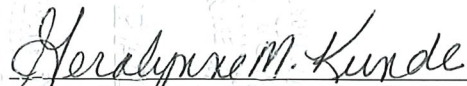
The Committee on Youth meeting is scheduled for March 28th at 4:00pm, a grant application and possible award will be discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Teboda and seconded by Supervisor Johnson. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geralynne Kunde
DeKalb Township Clerk


Geralynne M. Kunde, Clerk


Jennifer Jeep Johnson, Supervisor