



MINUTES TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
May 11, 2022

Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Approval of Agenda: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hess at 6:00pm in the DeKalb Township Board Room. Roll call was taken by Clerk Tillotson: Supervisor Hess: Present; Trustee King: Present; Trustee Bradlo: Present; Trustee McNett: Present; and Trustee Thurman: Absent.

Also present was Highway Commissioner Craig Smith.

Fire Chief Mike Thomas led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was confirmed by unanimous consent.

Town Hall (Public Comments): None.

Presentations:

A. Paul Borek, DCEDC/Opportunity Unbound

Paul Borek gave a presentation about the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation's Opportunity Unbound program to attract more people to live in DeKalb County. The board then asked Mr. Borek questions about DCEDC and the Opportunity Unbound program.

B. Lt. Tom Conley, DeKalb Fire Department

Lt. Tom Conley of the DeKalb Fire Department discussed their Home Box program. A home box is a lock box with the house key that only the Fire Department can access. In case of emergency, the fire department can then access the key and walk in rather than break in. The board then asked Lt. Tom Conley and Chief Mike Thomas questions about the program and how much funding the fire department might be looking for from the Township.

Public Comments: None.

Reports:

Supervisor Hess:

1. Newkirk and Associates have started the audit. As part of the process, all Trustees will be contacted to answer questions.
2. Cemetery update
 - a. Volunteers for NIU Cares Day helped with spring clean-up at Oakwood
 - b. Received property tax exemption certificate for Oakwood
 - c. Installation of flag pole at Oakwood
 - d. Flags at Evergreen Cemetery
3. Assistance Programs

- a. Increase in requests for assistance
- b. LIHEAP ends May 31

4. Upcoming Events

- a. May 14 – Shred & Recycle Event (seeking volunteers)
- b. May 20 – Participating in DeKalb Chamber Local Showcase & Job Fair
- c. June 3 – Lions Vision Screening
- d. June 17 – Mobile Secretary of State
- e. Suggestions for future events?

FOIA HOURS REPORT
4/12/2022 - 05/04/2022

Requester	Company	Date Received	Description	Responded On	Total Documents	Hours	Minutes
Mark Charvat		4/13/22 9:43 AM	Registered Voter List from Annual Meeting	4/15/22 3:05 PM	1 PDF/2 MB		15

Clerk Tillotson: The Clerk mentioned the mutual aid supplies the group Sunrise DeKalb is offering to those in need.

Highway Commissioner Smith: Commissioner Smith stated that the road crew will be cleaning Oakwood cemetery. He discussed the creation of a sidewalk near the YMCA. He will be attending a meeting to inform people in the area about Township government functions.

Assessor Dyer: Although Assessor Dyer was sick, Commissioner Smith stated that Tax bills are out on his behalf.

Trustee Thurman: Absent.

Trustee McNett: No report.

Trustee King: Trustee King stated that graduation is coming and that students will be leaving.

Trustee Bradlo: Trustee Bradlo discussed reaching out to the Girl Scouts for volunteer support.

Bill Paying:

A motion to approve the April audit report in the amount of \$140,871.07 and May bills to pay in the amount of \$181,271.72 was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Supervisor Hess stated that there was an error: under the Town Fund portion of the budget, Check 1241 is actually for Karen Gumino's travel expenses and not Supervisor Hess. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: absent; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

A motion to receive, file, and approve the Treasurer's April budget report was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: absent; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

Town Hall (Public Comments): None.

New Business:

A. A motion to table the Discussion and Approval of Expenditure for Opportunity Unbound was made by Supervisor Hess then seconded by Trustee McNett. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: absent; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

B. A motion to approve the Expenditure for Community Outreach/Public Safety Initiative serving DeKalb Township by means of the DeKalb Fire Department in the amount of \$8,980 was made by Supervisor Hess and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: absent; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

- C. A motion to Approve the Expenditure for COY Grant Request from DeKalb Public Library was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee McNett. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: absent; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion passed.
- D. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of April 12, 2022 was made by Supervisor Hess and seconded by Trustee McNett. The notes were then passed by unanimous consent.

Executive Session: None.

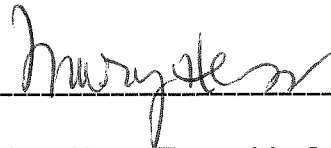
Other Business: The next Township Meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00pm at the DeKalb Township Board Room.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee King and seconded by Supervisor Hess. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 7:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew "Ondrew" Tillotson, Township Clerk



Mary Hess, Township Supervisor

