



**MINUTES TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
January 11, 2023**

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: Present.

Also present was Highway Commissioner Smith and Assessor Dyer.

Supervisor Hess led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees as provided as provided for in 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Trustee McNett. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed and the executive session began at 6:04pm.

The executive session ended and the public portion of the meeting resumed at 6:21 pm. Roll call was taken by Clerk Tillotson: Supervisor Hess: Present; Trustee King: Present; Trustee Bradlo: Present; Trustee McNett: Present; and Trustee Thurman: Present. *Highway Commissioner Smith and Assessor Dyer were also present,*

Town Hall (Public Comments): None. *ad*

Presentations: None. Fox Valley Community Service rescheduled their presentation.

Reports:

Supervisor Hess: Supervisor Hess stated that tomorrow is Erika's 19-year anniversary with the Township.

She mentioned that Township Office and Case Manager Jodie Peterson officially retired on 12/22/2022.

The Township CPA will be teaching Supervisor Hess about financial record keeping next week.

Clerk Tillotson: Clerk Tillotson discussed how meetings getting off track led to difficulty in recording the minutes.

Highway Commissioner Smith: The Commissioner discussed hiring Karen Gumino and her transition to working solely for the Road District and not the Township.

He discussed planning how to recognize Jodie Peterson for her 38 years of service at DeKalb Township. A discussion ensued.

He discussed maintenance he has had to do at the Township building at 2323 S Fourth Street in DeKalb.

Assessor Dyer: Assessor Dyer thanked Jodie Peterson for her service.

He mentioned that his office's quadrennial reassessment is this year, making his office very busy.

Trustee Thurman: No report.

Trustee McNett: No report.

Trustee King: Trustee King responded to the Clerk's comments.

She discussed the possibility of the Township doing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training as well as teambuilding exercises.

She mentioned that the semester is starting at NIU and questioned if there would be MLK day events in DeKalb.

She brought up the recent nationwide flight cancellations.

Trustee Bradlo: No report.

Bill Paying: Supervisor Hess discussed the reasons that the Township's financial reports look different this month than they have in the past. A motion to approve the December audit report in the amount of \$436,681.08 and January bills to pay in the amount of \$84,473.85 was made by Trustee Thurman and then seconded by Trustee McNett. The board asked questions these financial reports and a discussion ensued. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

A motion to receive, file, and approve the Treasurer's December budget report was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Progress on the Intergovernmental Agreement Between DeKalb Township and DeKalb Township Road District for Use of Property was discussed by Commissioner Smith and Supervisor Hess.

New Business:

- A. A motion for Resolution 2023-001(T) Authorizing Expenditure in the Amount of \$5,000 to Society of St. Vincent de Paul was made by Trustee Bradlo and seconded by Trustee King. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed.
- B. A motion for Resolution 2023-002(T) Authorizing Expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 for Senior Utility Assistance Program was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Trustee Thurman. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed.
- C. A motion for Resolution 2023-003(T) Adopting Procedures for Capital Fund Expenditures was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Supervisor Hess. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed.
- D. A motion for the Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of October 12, 2022 was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Supervisor Hess. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- E. A motion for the Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of November 9, 2022 was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee McNett. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- F. A motion for the Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of December 14, 2022 was made by Supervisor Hess and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Old Business: None.

Executive Session: A motion to discuss litigation as provided for in 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Roll call was taken by Clerk Tillotson: Supervisor Hess: Present; Trustee King: Present; Trustee Bradlo: Present; Trustee McNett: Present; and Trustee Thurman: Present. The motion passed and executive session began at 7:13pm.

The executive session ended and the public portion of the meeting resumed at 7:25 pm. Roll call was taken by Clerk Tillotson: Supervisor Hess: Present; Trustee King: Present; Trustee Bradlo: Present; Trustee McNett: Present; and Trustee Thurman: Present.

Other Business: The next Township Meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00pm at the DeKalb Township Board Room.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Hess and seconded by Trustee McNett. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 7:27 pm. ~~_____~~

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew "Ondrew" Tillotson, Township Clerk

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Mary Hess, Township Supervisor

