

MINUTES TOWNSHIP BOARD DEKALB, ILLINOIS June 14, 2023

Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Approval of Agenda:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hess at 6:01pm in the DeKalb Township Board Room. Roll call was taken by Kim Barrios: Supervisor Hess: Present; Trustee King: Present; Trustee Bradlo: Present; Trustee McNett: Present; and Trustee Thurman was Present via zoom.

Also present was Highway Commissioner Smith and Assessor Dyer.

Trustee McNett made a motion to appoint Kim Barrios as the recording secretary which Trustee Bradlo seconded. Kim Barrios 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.

Supervisor Hess led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was confirmed by unanimous consent.

Town Hall (Public Comments): None.

Presentations: None.

Reports:

Supervisor Hess: Supervisor Hess mentioned that the Shred Event, in partnership with Sycamore Township, happened at the Kishwaukee YMCA.

She stated that the chamber of commerce had their local job fair.

The Township sponsored a zoom call with Consumer Credit Counseling to help other community non-profits with credit counseling.

She mentioned meeting with Latino families to discuss the Township and the Township's financial assistance programs.

She mentioned the DeKalb Farmer's Market and the Electronics Recycling Event.

She brought up the Supply Closet event with St. Vincent de Paul.

She stated that the Mobile Secretary of State event will be held on August 2nd at the DeKalb Township building to receive services typically held at the DMV.

She discussed the Ellwood House's program Frame of Mind to showcase K-12 artists in the community. The Township is sponsoring 3 pieces of art.

She discussed Emmanuel Lutheran Church designating the Township as the recipient of the Christmas in July program. For this program, Emmanuel Lutheran Church will donate paper products to the Township.

She discussed meeting with the City of DeKalb's Crime Free Housing Director to discuss the Township's Financial assistance programs.

She mentioned the property manager of Suburban Apartments invited her to witness changes to the property.

She mentioned that the Township is now a place where people can register to vote.

She brought up that the summer restoration project at Oakwood Cemetery should be beginning shortly.

Clerk Tillotson: No report.

Highway Commissioner Smith: Commissioner Smith discussed receiving a FOIA request for an EPA report on a property on Gurler Road.

He mentioned working on various construction projects.

He discussed reaching out to a company to provide a digital message board. He met with a DeKalb Park District worker for advice on how they acquired their digital message board.

He discussed the status of the new truck the Road District ordered.

He mentioned one of his workers going to a road safety training with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

He expressed his appreciation for his new youngest worker.

A discussion about the digital message board ensued.

Assessor Dyer: Assessor Dyer discussed his department's efforts in continuing their quadrennial reassessment.

Trustee Thurman: Trustee Thurman discussed being at InfoComm in Orlando, FL.

Trustee McNett: No report.

Trustee King: Trustee King mentioned that orientation has started at NIU. She mentioned that NIU will have their first virtual orientation shortly.

Trustee Bradlo: No report.

Bill Paying: A motion to approve the May audit report in the amount of \$186,974.70 and June bills to pay in the amount of \$104,322.40 was made by Trustee McNett and then seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Discussions about the budget 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 May budget report was made by Trustee King and seconded by Supervisor Hess. Recording Secretary Barrios 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. Commissioner Smith and Supervisor Hess discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement Between DeKalb Township and DeKalb Township Road District for Use of Property. A motion for the Approval of discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement Between DeKalb Township and DeKalb Township Road District for Use of Property was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Recording Secretary Barrios took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: abstain; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

New Business:

- A. A motion for the Approval of COY Grant from DeKalb Public Library in the amount of \$500.00 was made by Trustee Bradlo and seconded by Supervisor Hess. Recording Secretary Barrios 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. The board designed to postpone the Approval of COY Grant from Adventure Works, as they felt the application needed clarification.
- C. A Discussion re: Community Needs Assessment Project with the NIU Center for Governmental Studies took place.
- A. A motion for the Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of May 10, 2023 was made by Supervisor Hess and seconded by Trustee King. It passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business: None.

Executive Session: None.

Other Business: The next Township Meeting will be Tuesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:00pm at the DeKalb Township Board Room.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew "Ondrew" Tillotson, Township Clerk

Mary Hess, Township Supervisor

