



**DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY ACT COMMITTEE MEETING
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
November 20, 2023**

Call To Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 6:22pm by Supervisor Hess at the Township offices located at 2323 South Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Tillotson: Supervisor Hess: Present; Highway Commissioner Craig Smith: Present; Trustee King: Present, Arrived at 6:24pm; Trustee Bradlo: Present, Arrived at 6:27pm; Trustee Thurman: Absent; Township Resident Dr. Kurt Thurmaier: Present; Township Resident Mr. Ellingsworth Webb: Present; and Township Resident Mr. Zachary Gill: Present; and Trustee McNett: Absent. A quorum was present.

Public Comment: None.

Resident Gill made a motion for the Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2023 which Resident Thurmaier seconded. They were passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Overview and Discussion of Governing Statues, Joint Laws, & Policies: Supervisor Hess led a discussion concerning Governing Statues, Joint Laws, & Policies. Supervisor Hess took questions from those in attendance. She discussed the structure of the Township and how the different departments interact. She took questions from Decennial Efficiency Act Committee members regarding how the Township ~~operates~~, *ra*

Overview and Discussion of DeKalb Township Road District: Commissioner Smith led a discussion of DeKalb Township Road District. Commissioner Smith discussed many of the intergovernmental agreements the Road District takes part in and the services the district provides. He described some of the agreements, resources, and IGAs he shares with other Townships, the City of DeKalb, and other entities in the area. Those present advocated for making sure that every IGA is written down and made accessible.

Members of the Decennial Efficiency Committee also asked questions about shared equipment and resources between various government bodies and between departments at DeKalb Township and Road District. Supervisor Hess and Commissioner Smith took questions from those in attendance regarding many of the services the Township and Road District provide in partnership with other government bodies.

A discussion on efficiency in graveyard maintenance took place.

Overview and Discussion of DeKalb Township Programs & Services: Supervisor Hess discussed all the services the Township provides. She also brought up the Assessor's office and that they are undergoing a quadrennial assessment year. A discussion about services for seniors, general and emergency assistance, several programs like PCs for people, the Mobile secretary of state event, LIHEAP, and more occurred. Those in attendance asked questions to clarify the exact nature of these programs. Supervisor Hess discussed how to best continue expanding Township Services to meet residents' needs. A discussion about resources for people without housing and affordable housing took place.

Discussion on Committee Feedback Related to Recommendations for Increased Accountability and Efficiency: Supervisor Hess mentioned that she would like to have a better idea of what community needs are in the DeKalb Township area. She mentioned that this meeting fulfilled the purpose of explaining what the Township and Road District do. She further stated that the next meeting will likely be the opportunity for the Township Residents present to recommend ways to improve efficiency. She brought up that she and Commissioner Smith are available for any questions between this meeting and the next.

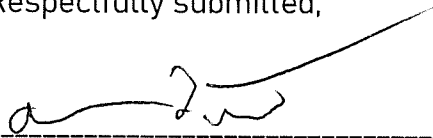
Set Date of Next Committee Meeting: The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 16th at 6pm at the DeKalb Township Board Room.

Survey of Residents in Attendance: Does not apply.

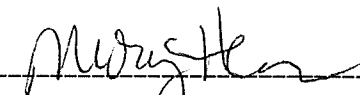
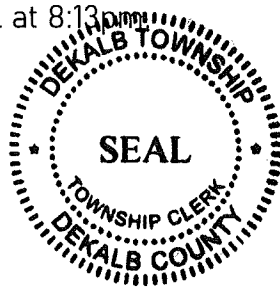
Other Business: The next Decennial Efficiency Act Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16th at 6pm at the DeKalb Township Board Room.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Smith and was seconded by Township Resident Gill at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew "Ondrew" Tillotson, Township Clerk



Mary Hess, Township Supervisor