



**MINUTES TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
March 13, 2024**

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hess at 6:04pm 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 Commissioner Smith and Erin Andrews from We Care Pregnancy Clinic.

led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was confirmed by unanimous consent.

Town Hall (Public Comments): None.

Presentations: Erin Andrews from We Care Pregnancy gave a virtual tour of the We Care Pregnancy center facilities and overview of the services they provide. A discussion of how DeKalb Township's grant helped We Care Pregnancy Clinic's Learn While You Earn program ensued. Erin Andrews explained how the Learn While You Earn program allows participants to earn credits while taking classes with We Care to receive childcare resources. The board asked Erin Andrews questions and a discussion ensued.

Reports:

Supervisor Hess:

Supervisor Hess discussed hosting a Community Resource Meeting.

On February 20th, she mentioned that the first Community on Youth meeting took place.

She discussed hosting a webinar with inmates with Danita Sims to discuss General Assistance and Employment opportunities.

She discussed attending an event to learn more about cemetery insurance and care on February 22nd and 23rd, She brought up the Township's work with Stonehuggers Cemetery Restoration to maintain the cemeteries.

She discussed raising DeKalb Township and Road District's TOIRMA insurance coverage.

She mentioned the previous Decennial Efficiency Act meeting taking place.

She discussed a General Assistance applicant appealing their rejection.

Clerk Tillotson: Clerk Tillotson discussed preparing for the Annual Township Meeting.

Highway Commissioner Smith: Commissioner Smith discussed a FOIA request regarding information about their roadways.

He discussed someone's intent to purchase a piece of property from the Road District. He mentioned that it will be brought up at the next annual Township meeting.

He discussed installing a new sign at the DeKalb Township building.

Commissioner Smith took questions and a discussion ensued.

Commissioner Smith discussed moving his office from its current location into the shop area so that DeKalb Township can have more office space.

Assessor Dyer: No report.

Trustee Thurman: No report.

Trustee McNett: No report.

Trustee King: Trustee King mentioned that NIU students are currently on Spring break. She mentioned that it is Women's History Month.

Trustee Bradlo: Trustee Bradlo discussed the first Committee on Youth meeting.

Bill Paying: A motion to approve the February audit report in the amount of \$184,870.30 and March bills to pay in the amount of \$ 189,423.72 was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. 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 February budget report 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: Present. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Supervisor Hess discussed structural changes to the General Assistance program. The board asked questions about these structural changes and a discussion ensued about the specifics of these changes. Supervisor Hess explained that if an applicant is receiving other money for public housing, they will be ineligible for General Assistance. These Structural Changes to the General Assistance Program are effective as of ~~3/1/24~~.

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Supervisor Hess also discussed changes to the Emergency Assistance Program, as well.

- B. A motion for the Approval of Contract Renewal with Passion Pursuit, Inc. for Continued Employment Services was made by Trustee Bradlo and seconded by Trustee Thurman. Supervisor Hess presented several statistics about the effectiveness of Passion Pursuit. Danita Sims spoke on her experiences meeting with clients and engaging with the community with Passion Pursuit. A discussion ensued. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: Present. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed.
- C. A motion for the Approval of Annual Town Meeting Agenda for April 9, 2024 at 7:00pm was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee McNett. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- D. A motion for the Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2024 was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Supervisor Hess. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Old Business: None.

Executive Session: None.

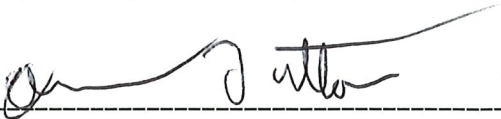
Other Business: The next Committee on Youth meeting will be meeting on March 19th, 2024.

The next Township Meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00pm at the DeKalb Township Board Room.

The Annual Township Meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00pm at the DeKalb Township Board Room.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew "Ondrew" Tillotson, Township Clerk



Mary Hess, Township Supervisor

