

MINUTES TOWNSHIP BOARD DEKALB, ILLINOIS August 14, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hess at 6:02pm 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 Assessor Dyer and Lieutenant Conley from the DeKalb Fire Department.

Lieutenant Conley led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was confirmed by unanimous consent.

Presentations: Lieutenant Tom Conley gave an update on the Knox Boxes the DeKalb Township funded for the DeKalb Fire Department's use. He mentioned that 16 out of 50 Knox Boxes that DeKalb Township funded have been used so far.

Town Hall (Public Comments): None.

Reports:

Supervisor Hess: Supervisor Hess discussed the Township participating in the Family Fun Fest at Hopkins Park.

She mentioned attending a tax summit meeting with various taxing bodies.

She brought up that the Secretary of State's Mobile Unit was on Wednesday, July 24th at the Township building and served 48 individuals.

She discussed a proposed new TIF district that the Township building is included in.

She discussed solutions to improve road safety near the Township building.

On July 30th, she mentioned attending a meeting run by the Township Officials of Illinois Clerk's division in Springfield to inform the Township of the Township Clerk's role in elections.

She stated that the Township received 26 grant applications with requests totaling \$238,000, with 5 of the organizations that applied having never applied before. She discussed how applications will be chosen to receive some of the \$210,000 the Township has for grants.

She gave an update on the state of the cemeteries and the ongoing projects to maintain and care for them.

Clerk Tillotson: Clerk Tillotson mentioned that Candidate Petition circulation begins on August 20th. He mentioned that he has been in contact with the DeKalb County Clerk's office to best carry out his role in the 2025 Consolidated Election process.

Highway Commissioner Smith: Supervisor Hess mentioned that Commissioner Smith just returned from a conference and couldn't attend. He left a note which mentioned the following:

Martin and Company are doing work on Gurler Road, from 4th St to Corporate Drive, so it is closed today for that work.

Elliot and Wood finished resurfacing Greenwood Acres Drive and creating the sidewalk on Rich Rd.

The road district is working on road striping, John Huber Parkway is being shouldered, and the sale of a parcel of land near the Bridges of Rivermist neighborhood will likely occur in September.

The Fuel IGA, which the Road District contributed to, is up for discussion later in this meeting.

Assessor Dyer: Assessor Dyer mentioned that his staff member, Corey Nelson, finished his last class and should have his designation later this year.

Trustee Thurman: Trustee Thurman discussed the Transponder Recycle & Swap event at Faranda's that happened on August 1st, 9am-3pm.

Trustee McNett: No report.

Trustee King: Trustee King discussed the DMV is no longer open on Saturday. She mentioned that students are coming back. She brought up work being done on the North Annie Glidden Road bridge and underpass.

Trustee Bradlo: Trustee Bradlo gave an update on the Committee on Youth. She mentioned her work on setting salaries for Township officials. A discussion ensued.

Bill Paying: A motion to approve the July audit report in the amount of \$385,359.80 and August bills to pay in the amount of \$125,120.01 was made by Trustee Thurman

and seconded by Trustee McNett. Supervisor Hess brought up the purchase of a new DeKalb Township vehicle. 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 July budget report was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Supervisor Hess mentioned that cemetery income has been greater than expected due to insurance money. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: absent. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. A motion for the Approval of Resolution 2024–007(T) Authorizing the Execution of the IGA with DeKalb Township Road District Regarding Access to and Purchase of Fuel was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Supervisor Hess led a discussion on the resolution. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: absent. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion passed.
- B. A motion for the Approval of Expenditure for COY Grant Request in the amount of \$500 from DeKalb Public Library was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Supervisor Hess. Supervisor Hess and Trustee Bradlo led a discussion on this grant request and took questions from the rest of the board. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: nay; Trustee King: aye; Trustee Bradlo: absent. Ayes: 4; Nays: 1. The motion passed.
- C. A motion for the approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of July 10, 2024 was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. They then passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business: None.

Executive Session: The executive session was tabled until next month.

Other Business: The next Committee on Youth meeting will be meeting on August 20th, 2024 at 5:00 pm at DeKalb Public Library Townskip Bvilding.

The next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting will be September 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Supervisor Hess. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew "Ondrew" Tillotson, Township Clerk

Mary Hess, Township Supervisor

