



MINUTES TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
November 19, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hess at 6:09pm in the DeKalb Township Board Room. Roll call was taken by Clerk Tillotson: Supervisor Hess: Present; Trustee King: Absent; Trustee Bradlo: Present; Trustee McNett: Present; and Trustee Thurman arrived at 6:29pm.

Also present was Commissioner Smith and Joan Protano.

Supervisor Hess led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was confirmed by unanimous consent.

Presentations: None.

Town Hall (Public Comments): None.

Reports:

Supervisor Hess: Supervisor Hess discussed DeKalb Township's Director of General Assistance, Cassandra Bachochin, attending the Housing First event in Bloomington, IL to learn of ways to combat homelessness.

She met with leaders of the Salvation Army to discuss how the Salvation Army and Township can work together to meet community needs.

She met with leaders of NYAP (National Youth Applicant Program) that assist people that age out of the foster care program.

She brought up being messaged by a member of the Boy Scouts that is interested in doing his Eagle Scout project at Oakwood Cemetery. He wants to build a memorial for folks who were buried at Needham Cemetery and write a history of Needham Cemetery.

The Township hosted a meeting at the library with organizations that were approved for Human Services funding.

She mentioned that she, Commissioner Smith, and Trustee Thurman went to the Township Officials of Illinois conference.

She brought up that there's an educational session for recipients of the Township's General Assistance program each month. This month's educational session featured NIU students in a nutrition program conducting a session about

budgeting for groceries and took place at the Township building. The attendants were given a bag of food and recipes to take with them afterwards.

She added that the Township will be partnering with NIU to take the leftovers from NIU's Thanksgiving meals and give them to recipients of the Township's General Assistance program.

She mentioned she was at the Salvation Army and General Assistance Case Manager Erica Brown was at Taylor St Plaza to promote DeKalb Township's services to the public.

She brought up that on November 20th, at 6pm, the first public Medical Emergency Preparedness Session will take place at DeKalb Public Library. There will another session via zoom in December.

She discussed that next month, from December 10-11th, Township Executive Assistant Kimberly Barrios will be facilitating an AARP smart driver course at the Township.

Clerk Tillotson: Clerk Tillotson discussed his experience in accepting candidate petitions. He thanked everyone who submitted candidate petitions and chose to run for office at DeKalb Township and Road District.

Highway Commissioner Smith: Commissioner Smith discussed that salt is now cheaper than in the past and the road district's efforts with leaf pickup. He discussed preparing the trucks to potentially handle snow.

Assessor Dyer: ~~No report~~ Absent.

Trustee Thurman: ~~Absent~~ Not present at the time of report.

Trustee McNett: No report.

Trustee King: Absent.

Trustee Bradlo: No report.

Bill Paying: A motion to approve the October audit report in the amount of \$597,024.73 and November bills to pay in the amount of \$410,598.99 was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Trustee Bradlo. Supervisor Hess discussed some of the items in the budget with the board. She brought up reasons for the budget being higher than normal. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: ~~absent~~; Trustee King: absent; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 3; Nays: 0. The motion passed. V

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A motion to receive, file, and approve the Treasurer's October budget report 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: absent; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 3; Nays: 0. The motion passed.

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Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. A motion for the Approval of 2025 DeKalb Township Building Hours, Board Meeting, and Holiday Closing Calendar was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Supervisor Hess. Supervisor Hess discussed reasons for changing the time of Township Board meetings in 2025. After some discussion, it passed by unanimous consent.
- B. A Motion for the Advice and Consent for the Appointment of Jamie McClan, with a term expiring 12/31/2025, to Serve on the Committee on Youth was made by Trustee Bradlo and seconded by Supervisor Hess. It passed by unanimous consent.
- C. A Motion for Advice and Consent for the Re-appointment DeAnna Harris-McKoy and Katrine Kreider, with terms expiring 12/31/2027, to Serve on the Committee on Youth was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Supervisor Hess. It passed by unanimous consent.
- D. A motion for the Approval of Resolution 2024-010(T) Awarding Annual Human Service Funding Allocation to The Salvation Army was made by Trustee Bradlo and seconded by Trustee Thurman. A discussion ensued. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: absent; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion passed.
- E. A motion for the Discussion and Approval of the 2024 Intergovernmental Agreement for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) #4 at the City of DeKalb was made by Trustee Thurman then seconded by Trustee McNett. Supervisor Hess led a discussion describing information relevant to the TIF district with the board. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: absent; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion passed.
- F. A motion for the Approval of Resolution 2024-011(T) Salary Setting Resolution was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Trustee Thurman. A discussion ensued. Clerk Tillotson took a roll call vote: Supervisor Hess: aye; Trustee McNett: aye; Trustee Thurman: aye; Trustee King: absent; Trustee Bradlo: aye. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion passed.
- G. A motion for the Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of October 11, 2024 was made by Trustee Thurman and seconded by Supervisor Hess. Trustee Bradlo proposed an amendment. With this amendment, it passed by unanimous consent.

Old Business: The board had a discussion of the Committee on Youth's Request. The Committee on Youth sent a letter to the board, asking the board to reconsider parts of their decision. The board's consensus was not to change their original decision.

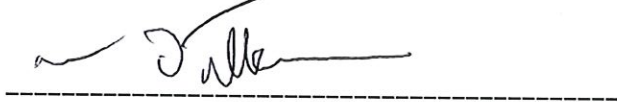
Executive Session: None.

Other Business: The next Committee on Youth meeting will be meeting on December 17th, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the DeKalb Township building.

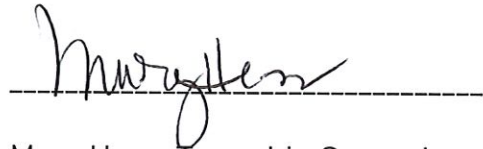
The next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the DeKalb Township building.

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 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew "Ondrew" Tillotson, Township Clerk



Mary Hess, Township Supervisor

