

DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2014 7:00 p.m.  
Dorr Township Office  
1039 Lake Ave, Woodstock, IL 60098

Pledge of Allegiance recited. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Pierce at 7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call of Township Board Members

Present: Supervisor Pierce, Trustee Sheahan, Trustee Fuller, Trustee Andersen, Highway Commissioner Thurman, Township Attorney Mark Saladin. Not present: Trustee Cantwell  
Late arrival: Assessor Veronica Myers.

Public present (sign in): Sue Brokaw, Becky Pender, Don Schellhaass, John Maddock, Joseph Maddock and Brenda Dahlfors.

2. Appointment of Deputy Clerk to Clerk of Dorr Township

Supervisor Pierce advises he is in receipt of the written resignation of Quinn Keefe as Clerk of Dorr Township. **Motion by Trustee Sheahan to appoint Brenda Stack as Clerk of Dorr Township. Motion seconded by Mark Andersen. Motion approved unanimously.** Brenda Stack sworn in as Clerk of Dorr Township by Attorney Mark Saladin.

3. Public Comments. None

4. Approval of Minutes of the December 10, 2013 Meeting of the Dorr Township Board. **Motion by Trustee Sheahan to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting of the Dorr Township Board. Motion seconded by Trustee Fuller. Motion approved unanimously.\***

5. Approval of Claims for the period December 11, 2013 to January 14, 2014:

TF	\$ 39,425.60	GA	\$ 4,528.19
DRD	\$ 6,859.77	PHR	\$72,551.52

**Motion by Trustee Andersen to approve the claims for the period December 11, 2013 to January 14, 2014. Motion seconded by Trustee Sheahan. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.**

General Assistance case report (Trustees have copy of report)

6. University of Illinois Extension presentation. (Don Schellhaass, John Maddock, Joseph Maddock and Brenda Dahlfors).

Don Schellhaass provides explanation of The University of Illinois Extension program, which has been providing research-based education and information for over 100 years; funding received from local sources which are matched (85%) by the University of Illinois with State and Federal funds. Handout provided for review.

Educational programs: 1) SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Educational Program; 2) 4-H Youth Development program - enrollment has been increasing and there is more interest by youth in science, engineering and technology; 3) Master Gardeners - Brenda Dahlfors presents information. Research based horticulture for homeowners; food pantry gardens in Woodstock and Harvard donated over 20,000 pounds of vegetables to food pantries throughout McHenry County; 4) Local Foods/Small Farms program educates local food producers and small farmers.

Reaching out to the townships throughout McHenry County to request support in raising funds for its 2014 budget.

Joseph Maddock, a local 4-H member, presents information on 4-H. Robotics, SPIN Club (Special Interest Club). Explanation and overview of program, with actual robot viewed by Township Board members. John Maddock, father of Joseph Maddock, provides further information regarding program. This is a public program, open to everyone. Costs approximately \$400.00 for each robot, limited to 20 people because funds are not available for more equipment.

Supervisor Pierce advises that the Township Board cannot act on spending money tonight because the item is on the agenda only as a presentation, and must be on the agenda to take action. Further information provided by Don Schellhaass that any donation would stay in McHenry County, with contributions matched at 85% from the State. Supervisor Pierce advises line items available for funds would be Grants and Youth Program. Supervisor Pierce thanks those present for their presentation.

**\*Return to Agenda item 2. Motion by Trustee Sheahan to accept the resignation of Dorr Township Clerk Quinn Keefe. Motion seconded by Trustee Andersen. Motion approved unanimously.**

#### 7. Update, discussion, and action on Senior Services Program

Supervisor Pierce advises cost of Senior Services Program has been determined to be \$5,040.00 for 2014, twice a month for three hours each time. Greenwood Township will share the cost of the program (\$2,520.00 Greenwood Township; \$2,520.00 Dorr Township). Program will continue, started last week.

#### 8. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Money by Dorr Township Highway Commissioner for the Permanent Hard Road Fund from the Township Fund

Highway Commissioner Thurman advises he is operating on a tight budget, as there has been unforeseen expenses. 80% of salt used for the year due to weather to date. Supervisor Pierce advises we would be transferring from one fund to the other - loan from the township fund maximum of \$150,000.00, with no interest, to be repaid by August 1, 2014. Clarification - any amount UP TO \$150,000.00. Attorney Saladin prepared

resolution and provides brief explanation of Highway Code of the State of Illinois authority allowing this action. **Motion by Trustee Andersen to approve the Resolution of the Highway Commissioner of the Dorr Township Road District, McHenry County, Illinois Authorizing the Borrowing of Money. Motion seconded by Trustee Sheahan. Motion approved unanimously.**

9. Reports:

**Supervisor:** No further report.

**Assessor:** Residential Sales Entered December 7, 2013 to January 14, 2014 provided for review. Assessor Myers advises all appeals are finished; now we will commence reassessment work for 2014. Meeting today held with Jack Franks and Pam Althoff regarding concerns of pending legislation. Reports presented to Franks and Althoff for their review regarding Dorr Township assessments and disparity in tax sales. They are aware that there is a problem; hoping we can all keep open communication so that we can discuss how this may affect everyone. Referral to Board of Review meant as a standard, not a denial of tax appeal. During 30 day appeal period it is impossible to keep up. Purpose is to try and get something in place that is uniform and works. Suggestion that Bob Ross get together with other county assessors to work together for the common good to restore the system so that it works effectively. Trustee Andersen suggests the possibility of creating a committee of assessors to address this situation.

**Highway Commissioner:** Highway Commission Thurman advises the recent chemical spill contents were run back through the brine tank, and we made brine with it again, instead of Safety Kleen expense. This worked well and saved money. Mother Nature is doing a number on us - employees have worked every day in December and almost every day in January so far. Salt situation briefly reviewed. Trucks are running okay; one truck needs new tires, an expense which is unavoidable.

**Clerk:** No report. Supervisor Pierce advises Clerk Brenda Stack will be paid from the Township starting tonight. Quinn Keefe has advised he has sent a check on two (2) different occasions for Deputy Clerk last month, but none received; He also advised he is sending another check.

**Township Attorney:** No report.

**Trustees:** No report.

10. Future Agenda Items:

University of Illinois Extension donation

NEW BUSINESS - None.

11. Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Trustee Sheahan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Fuller.  
Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NEXT Meeting:

Monthly Meeting February 11, 2014 7:00pm 1039 Lake Ave Woodstock IL 60098

Note: The proceedings of the Dorr Township meeting were audio-recorded only to aid in the preparation of the Minutes and are not retained as part of the permanent records of the Township.

Submitted by Brenda Stack, Dorr Township Clerk