

MINUTES OF THE DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Dorr Township Office
1039 Lake Ave, Woodstock, IL 60098

Present: Supervisor Robert Pierce, Clerk Brenda Stack, Highway Commissioner Tom Thurman, Assessor Veronica Myers, Trustee John Fuller, Trustee Mark Andersen, Trustee Chris Cantwell. Not present: Trustee Jon Sheahan.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

1. Roll Call of Town Board Members. (Note Public present: Steve Willson; Susan Handelsman)
2. Public Comments. None (Refer to 7. on Agenda)
3. Approval of Minutes for the April 14, 2015 Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Andersen to approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2015, Motion seconded by Trustee Cantwell. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Public Hearing on the Dorr Township Budget on April 14, 2015.

Motion by Trustee Andersen to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing on the Dorr Township Budget on April 14, 2015. Motion seconded by Trustee Fuller. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes for the Public Hearing on the Dorr Road District Budget on April 14, 2015.

Motion by Trustee Cantwell to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing on the Dorr Road District Budget on April 14, 2015. Motion seconded by Trustee Andersen. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Approval of Claims for the period April 15, 2015 to May 12, 2015

TF	\$65,988.94	GA	\$ 7,009.55
DRD	\$30,551.96	PHR	\$21,338.10

Motion by Trustee Cantwell to approve the claims for the period April 15, 2015 to May 12, 2015. Motion seconded by Trustee Fuller. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.

General Assistance case report Trustees previously provided report).

7. Presentation on the Lakewood TIF - Stephen Willson and Susan Handelsman

Steve Willson introduces himself and outlines his extensive experience in municipal finance and TIF districts. Willson states it is his opinion that the Lakewood TIF District is not a good idea, and is here asking our position on the issue, stating he had been advised we did not receive proper notification of Lakewood TIF District meeting. Supervisor Pierce advises we did receive packet and notification from Lakewood. Mr. Willson states that the school district and City of Woodstock are taking no action. Supervisor Pierce advises that it is his information that the TIF District is already in place and financially Dorr Township cannot afford to go against this issue. Supervisor Pierce asks about "blighted areas" included in TIF District. Brief discussion. Mr. Willson advises that since we did receive notification, our options are limited for objection to the TIF District. Supervisor Pierce provides explanation of TIF District. Mr. Willson advises that if we had not received notification we would have had a much better position to object. Willson spoke with District 200 officials, and they looked at cost vs. benefit. His intention was to come tonight to talk about strategy on how to fight TIF District. Attendee Susan Handelsman advises she lives in Seneca Township and is a District 200 taxpayer. Her concern is Lakewood TIF District's effect on District 200 tax burden. Ms. Handelsman refers to zoning map included in Lakewood TIF packet indicating golf course included in TIF District; affordable housing compliance will add children - additional tax burden to school district. Her position is that there is standing for any taxing body to object to zoning changes. Brief review of municipality/taxing body standing to object. Supervisor Pierce again states the TIF District is already in place and our options are limited. Ms. Handelsman states the option would be to object to the zoning change, not an objection to the TIF District at this point. It is suggested that Dorr Township monitor this issue closely; TIF only benefits Lakewood. This is a concern to local taxpayers.

8. Request from the University of Illinois Extension for grant

Supervisor Pierce advises we received a letter from University of Illinois Extension which included a contract agreement along with request for donation. Purpose of donation discussed. After review, the consensus is not to donate at this point. Supervisor Pierce will send a letter to them advising we will not sign a contract; if they wish to receive a grant they should apply and attend a meeting for presentation to the Board.

9. Approval to put out for bid parking lot project

Public Notice - Dorr Township Notice to Bidders. Notice to be published Wednesday, May 13, 2015. Bids due June 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Cantwell to approve putting parking lot project out for bids. Motion seconded by Trustee Andersen. Motion approved unanimously.

10. Education District Program - July 16, 2015, Rockford

Board members reminded to advise who will be attending.

11. Reports:

Supervisor - Request from JourneyCare Hospice for donation. Not placed on Agenda, as this is a private company. No action. Nice thank you received from Senior Associates for donation.

Assessor - Continuing to work on reassessments; industrial and commercial properties next. Tax bills are out; not many questions, except on exemptions.

Highway Commissioner - Last month asked for approval of Motor Fuel Tax for private subdivision. Figure was \$5,000.00. Busy doing trees; finished shoulder work; have done some hot patching; Prisoners started working today. Weather permitting, hope to start mowing next week and finish by Memorial Day weekend. Paving Program explanation - City of Woodstock, Village of Bull Valley and Dorr Township. Suggest sign indicating leaving Dorr Township, or Dorr Township Road District ends here; more maintenance a concern. Tom advises he will look into signs. Trustee Cantwell indicates perception and appearance of township roads a concern when partners are not doing their part.

Clerk - No report.

Trustees - No report.

Trustee Cantwell requests room usage on June 6th for Woodstock Rotary, District 6440 - Vocational Scholarship Interviews.

12. Future Agenda Items - None.

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13. Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Trustee Cantwell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Andersen. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., Dorr Township Office, 1039 Lake Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois 60098

Submitted by Brenda Stack, Dorr Township Clerk