

MINUTES OF THE DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
Dorr Township Office  
1039 Lake Ave, Woodstock, IL 60098

Meeting held via Zoom Remote

Present: Supervisor Sue Brokaw; Clerk Brenda Stack; Assessor Veronica Myers; Trustee Richard Hoyt; Trustee Chris Cantwell; Trustee Jon Sheahan.

Absent: Trustee Calvin; Highway Commissioner John Fuller

Public present: None

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Brokaw at 7:12 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

1. Roll Call of Town Board Members present as listed above.
2. Public Comments: None.
3. Approval of Minutes of the October 13, 2020 Board meeting.

**Motion by Trustee Cantwell to approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Hoyt. Vote called; Trustee Sheahan abstains due to absence at October 13, 2020 meeting. Motion carries.**

4. Approval of Claims for period October 14, 2020 to November 10, 2020 (Reports provided for review).

**Motion by Trustee Sheahan to approve the claims for the period of October 14, 2020 to November 10, 2020. Motion seconded by Trustee Cantwell. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.**

5. General Assistance case report (copies provided for review).

Supervisor Brokaw advises we are getting more calls; lots of inquiries for assistance with water bills.

6. Approval of Township Levy

Approval of Township Levy flat again. Short discussion.

**Motion by Trustee Sheahan to approve the Dorr Township Levy for the tax year 2020 to be collected in 2021, to remain the same (flat). Motion seconded by Supervisor Brokaw. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.**

7. Approval of Road District Levy

As discussed at last month's meeting, Supervisor Brokaw advises that the Road District Levy currently indicates increase of 2.9% according to the calculations from the County. Discussion; review of numbers. Trustee Sheahan asks about the coming assessment increase (4.9%) vs. Road District Levy increase (2.9%). Discussion continues. Trustee Sheahan advises he would like to try and hold the Road District Levy flat; Trustee Hoyt agrees it would be preferable to keep the Road District Levy the same (flat). Supervisor Brokaw advises the actual Road District Levy from last year was \$1,342,410.00. Trustee Sheahan proposes to keep the Road District Levy the same as last year (flat). Discussion continues.

**Motion by Trustee Sheahan that the Dorr Township Road District Levy for the tax year 2020, to be collected in 2021, remain flat, for a total \$1,342,410.00: \$350,000.00 General Road Fund and \$992,410.00 Permanent Hart Road Fund. Motion seconded by Trustee Cantwell. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.**

8. Holiday Schedule for 2021

Supervisor Brokaw advises the Holiday Schedule remains the same as last year.

**Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Hoyt. Motion approved unanimously.**

9. Grant to Woodstock Christmas Clearing House

Supervisor Brokaw advises last year our donation was \$3,000.00. This year obviously fund-raising efforts have been difficult. Supervisor Brokaw states we have \$4,000.00 remaining in budget line item, and suggests we donate the full \$4,000.00 to Woodstock Christmas Clearing House.

**Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to donate \$4,000.00 to Woodstock Rotary Christmas Clearing House. Motion seconded by Trustee Sheahan. Vote called; Board polled - Trustee Cantwell abstains as a member of Woodstock Rotary. Motion carries.**

10. Legislative Updates - None

11. Reports:

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Brokaw advises she received notification that beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, General Assistant Grant increase to \$319.00, or at least that level, as recommended by TOI (Township Officials of Illinois). Supervisor Brokaw advises that she will increase General Assistance Grant to \$320.00 (easier even number); does not need Board approval, but should be included in Minutes for informational purposes, beginning November 16, 2020. Still giving out lunches to seniors on Wednesday; tomorrow is a Holiday, next Wednesday will be included, and then Monday before Thanksgiving a nice turkey dinner will be available. Supervisor Sue Brokaw and Clerk Brenda Stack are signed up for the virtual TOI Conferenced next week.

Employee tested positive for Covid; office is currently shut down for the remainder of the week for safety measures; a few being tested, then we will make a decision for next week. Email end of week to advise.

**Assessor:** Assessor Myers advises today was first day of tax appeals at County, all residential, non-hearings being held, meaning without presence of owners; should last 2 or 3 more days; approximately 120 appeals this year. Working on commercial properties now, hope to have them done by the end of next week.

Assessor Myers advises one of her employees - husband tested positive; she is quarantined until November 20<sup>th</sup>. Another employer, her child sat next to another student who may have been exposed or tested positive, so she is quarantined until November 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone in office is at home.

Residential Sales Entered October 14, 2020 - November 9, 2020 - lots of sales, prices going up.

**Highway Commissioner:** No report; Highway Commissioner Fuller absent.

**Clerk:** Clerk Stack advises that she has received no response from neither the Republic or Democratic Township officials regarding caucus, which was due today, meaning there will be no caucus. Clerk Stack expresses disappointment in their failure to even provide the courtesy of a response, as requested in the correspondence sent.

**Trustees:** Trustee Cantwell advises electronic recycling is available through a company here in Woodstock - they are more than interested in working with us to hold an electronic recycling event, perhaps using the Dorr Township Garage location to hold the event - they can do a commercial pick up at the Township. Supervisor Brokaw asks if they will send someone to attend the event? Trustee Cantwell states they probably will have a staff person present, but we can conduct the event ourselves, and then they would come pick up the collected materials after. Event could be on a Saturday, with pickup the next Monday. Trustee Sheahan voices his support for this event. Trustee Cantwell to discuss the matter with Highway Commissioner Fuller and revisit the item on next month's Agenda.

12. Executive Session
  - a. Semi-annual Executive Session Minutes review

Supervisor Brokaw suggests this matter be tabled until next month.

13. New Business - None.

14. Future Agenda Items
  - a. Recycling Event
  - b. Status of Annual Meeting  
Brief discussion. TOI recommends holding 2020 Annual Meeting before end of year, but not required. No items under Annual Meeting need immediate attention.
  - c. Executive Session - Semi-Annual Minutes Review

15. Motion to adjourn.

**Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Cantwell. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.**

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**  
at Dorr Township Office.

TOI Virtual Conference - November 16-20, 23, 2020

Submitted by Brenda Stack, Dorr Township Clerk