

MINUTES OF THE DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Dorr Township Office
1039 Lake Ave, Woodstock, IL 60098

Present: Supervisor Susan Brokaw; Clerk Brenda Stack; Assessor Tammy Benitez; Highway Commissioner John Fuller; Trustee Laura Cullotta; Trustee Bryson Calvin; Trustee John Buckley; Trustee Tom Thurman.

Public present: None

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Brokaw at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

1. Roll Call of Board Members present as listed above.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2022 Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Cullotta to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2022. Motion seconded by Trustee Calvin. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Claims for period February 9, 2022 to March 8, 2022:

TF	\$22,215.02	GA	\$ 2,677.23
DRD	\$ 7,282.86	PHR	\$63,115.28

Motion by Trustee Thurman to approve the claims for the period February 9, 2022 to March 8, 2022. Motion seconded by Trustee Buckley. No discussion. Vote called. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.

Supervisor Brokaw advises end of fiscal year between now and March 31st. Brief explanation of anticipated expenditures. Request for approval at this time with report at next month's meeting to show actual activity. **Motion by Trustee Calvin to approve claims from March 9, 2022 to March 31, 2022. Motion seconded by Trustee Thurman. Motion approved unanimously.**

General Assistance and Salvation Army case reports available for review.

5. Senior Activities Report

Written report from Laura Wassinger provided for review. Still working to get exercise classes here. Sue Brokaw advises she has contacted City of Woodstock personnel, and is waiting for response. Trustee Buckley advises his organization may be able to help; Supervisor Brokaw advises that would be great. Upcoming events briefly reviewed.

6. ComEd Energy Efficiency Program Discussion

Supervisor Brokaw provides Carey Electric quote for replacement of light fixtures. High cost because of prevailing wage. Rebate from ComEd is about \$3,400.00. Yearly savings with LED type fixtures would be about \$2,000.00 per year. Trustee Calvin states that would be 15 years to recoup investment; cost is \$240.00 per light fixture. Trustee Calvin suggests due to cost, we may want to revisit solar energy. Discussion continues. Supervisor Brokaw will do a little further research and report back to the Board.

7. Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Agenda

Review of 2022 Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

**Motion by Trustee Buckley to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting Agenda.
Motion seconded by Trustee Calvin. Motion approved unanimously.**

8. Transfer of Appropriations

a. Town Fund

1. Telephone line item Assessor. The amount of \$300.00 from line item 12431 to line item 12423. **Motion by Trustee Buckley to approve; second by Trustee Thurman. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.**
2. Line item 12436 -\$100.00 from Assessor Dues to Appraisal Services line item 12443. **Motion by Trustee Buckley to approve; second by Trustee Calvin. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.**

b. Road Fund

1. Line items 34413 - \$6,000.00 from Road Maintenance Replacement Tax Distribution to 31451 Replacement Tax Distribution. **Motion by Trustee Thurman to approve; second by Trustee Calvin. Board poled; motion approved unanimously.**

9. Abatement Ordinance - 2021

Brief review and discussion of levy process and current budget. Unanticipated Senior Program impact. Trustee Buckley asks if impact on inflation, etc. considered? Discussion continues. We have abated four (4) times in the last five (5) years; based each year on the previous year's amount. Any information on projected property tax impact? Assessor Benitez provides brief review of assessment process and anticipated outcome. Supervisor Brokaw advises it shouldn't hurt us to abate the \$40,000.00 proposed.

Motion by Trustee Buckley to approve the ordinance abating a portion of the 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$40,000.00. Motion seconded by Trustee Cullotta. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.

10. Town Fund Budget

Dorr Township Budget & Appropriation Ordinance reviewed. Capital Fund Account - \$500,000.00 committed to new buildings. Review of General Town Fund - actual and budgeted. Line item review. Increase in printing due to proposed new newsletter, and postage. Funds designated in Capital Fund again discussed. Discussion of new buildings; anticipated cost of project. Continued review of budget and certain line items. Trustee Cullotta asks how we are doing with the QuickBooks transition; Supervisor Brokaw advises okay. Breakout of funds a concern. Trustee Buckley asks if it would be of value to have someone come in and set it up? Trustee Calvin states he would like to see breakdown; Supervisor Brokaw advises that all bills are always brought in to each meeting, and they are available for review at any time.

11. Road District Budget

Capital Fund Account - \$350,000.00 committed to new buildings. Trustee Calvin asks about receipt of any pandemic relief funds; Supervisor Brokaw advises townships have not been a part of that program. Trustee Buckley advises the County has funds available; might be worth pursuing. Trustee Calvin asks if the solar energy project might fit under that suggestion. We would have to have numbers available for the project to proceed. Continued discussion and review.

Publication Notice regarding public viewing of budgets for the next thirty (30) days. April 12, 2022 - Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Town Fund Budget Meeting at 7:30 p.m., and Road District Budget Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

12. Legislative Updates

Emails from TOI being sent regarding legislative action.

13. Reports:

Supervisor: Supervisor Brokaw reviews Legal Notice sent regarding annexation of 14.936 acres, Hercules Road and Route 47, Woodstock. Agriculture use; Highway Commissioner Fuller advises it is a contemplated marijuana growing operation. Public Hearing is March 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.; Highway Commissioner Fuller advises he will attend. Invitation received from McHenry County Conservation District - 2022 Conservation Congress - April 13, 14, 25 and 26, and April 6, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. TOIRMA dividend check received in the amount of \$6,041.00 - \$2,658.00 to Town Fund and \$3,383.00 to Road and Bridge. May 26, 2022 TOI Education Event in Rockford; information in the Perspective Magazine; advise Sue for registration.

Assessor: Residential Sales entered February 5, 2022 to March 7, 2022 provided Assessor Benitez advises Becky Pender retired as of March 4, 2022. Training new employee continuing. Some site visits being done. Final decisions coming in on appeals. Will be attending Topics Day in Springfield on April 6, 2022.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Fuller advises last of the salt is in. Snow and ice events. Truck broke down, and has been fixed.

Clerk: Statement of Economic Interest information received from County Clerk regarding delay - we should see emails from Circuit Clerk soon.

Trustees:

No comments

14. Executive Session - None.

15. New Business

16. Future Agenda Items

- a. ComEd Energy Program
- b. Solar Energy - pursue County funds

17. Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Trustee Calvin to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Brokaw. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, April 14, 2022:

- 6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting**
- 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**
- 7:30 p.m. Town Fund Budget Meeting**
- 7:45 p.m. Road District Budget Meeting**

Submitted by Brenda Stack, Dorr Township Clerk