

MINUTES OF THE DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Dorr Township Office
1039 Lake Ave., Woodstock, IL 60098

M I N U T E S

Present: Supervisor Susan Brokaw, Clerk Brenda Stack, Highway Commissioner John Fuller, Assessor Tammy Benitez, Trustee Jon Sheahan, Trustee Laura Cullotta, Trustee John Buckley.

Not present: Trustee Tom Thurman

Public present: John F. Swierk, DDCA Architects; Rosemary Swierk, Direct Steel Construction; Alex Benitez; Amber Bauman

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

1. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Brokaw at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call of Board Members as listed above.

2. Public comments:

Amber Bauman revisits her previous concerns presented to the Board last fall regarding traffic and speeding on Mt. Thabor Road. Amber thanks Dorr Township for helping to facilitate installation of speed box, but unfortunately the battery only lasted 24 hours. Ms. Bauman advises that when County officers sit on Mt. Thabor Road, which is not often, there is a definitive change in the traffic/speeding. Concern again voiced for children residing in the area and foot traffic (i.e. joggers, runners). She further states that she is a runner, frequently running on the road. Every day this week she was run off the road, even though she runs against traffic and wears bright orange for visibility. She further advises she has phone video of the areas in question; road is double-striped, but drivers constantly disregard and pass. Amber advises of a recent occurrence when County sat across from her house, motorcycle passed a truck going 54 in a 40 mph zone

(observed on radar in officer's squad). She further advises she expects increased foot traffic of people training for events coming up (marathon, triathlon). She reiterates she is really concerned. Highway Commissioner Fuller advises County did do a speed study out there and the speed will remain as posted. Quote from Rules of the Road regarding speeding being leading contributors to accidents, etc. Commercial trucks traveling this route also a great concern. Weight limits? Highway Commissioner Fuller advises there are no weight limits on the road. Board members advise we are not sure this is the correct purview or authority for her concerns; Trustee Buckley provides Amber with her County Board District Representatives names for assistance. Highway Commissioner Fuller advises he will contact the transportation department for information on the speed study and send it to Amber Bauman.

3. Approval of Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Board meeting

Motion by Trustee Buckley to approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Cullotta. Vote called; Trustee Sheahan abstains (absent); motion carries.

4. Approval of Claims for period June 14, 2023 to July 11, 2023

TF	\$81,508.76	GA	\$ 8,733.65
DRD	\$22,947.06	PHR	\$21,422.07

Motion by Trustee Sheahan to approve the Claims for June 14, 2023 to July 11, 2023. Motion seconded by Trustee Buckley. Board polled; motion carries.

General Assistance case report and Salvation Army report available for review.

5. Senior Activities Report

SOAR@Dorr Board Update dated July 11, 2023 provided via email prior to meeting for review. Activities continue to improve and expand. Trustee Sheahan states the program is impressive.

6. Road District Building Project presentation

Rosemary Swierk of Direct Steel LLC, Commercial General Contractor, provides introduction and background information, and qualifications. Previous work done for Dorr Township out at township garage in 2012, and remodeling of our current office building here. Proposed Site Plan for Dorr Township Garage (Davis Road) of two (2) new buildings, septic should be sufficient, but need new well. Preliminary Budget Analysis reviewed. John Swierk of DDCA Architects provides review of project. Trustee Buckley asks about possibility of solar panels on roof. Rosemary Swierk advises there is approximately 8-12 year period for payback on solar panels; John Swierk advises electricity usage out there is minimal. Rosemary Swierk provides brief explanation, LEED credentials, cost effectiveness is not there, and essentially advises it would not be worth it. Highway Commissioner Fuller asks how long will project be from start to finish. Rosemary advised from permit to finish about nine (9) months. Supervisor Brokaw advises the next steps are to present the proposal to the public to show need (Open House), and then meeting for voters to decide. Rosemary advises there is flexibility in the timeline - hoping for April 1st start, which would mean out for bid January 1st, with an October notice. DDCA would need early August go ahead for an October notice. Timeline a concern. Concerns on presentation to public. Marketing assistance discussed. Budget and availability of funds discussed. American Community Bank has been consulted and they would be able to assist us with financing something short term, but we are hoping not to have to borrow funds for this project. Discussion on timeline concerns continues. Thank you to John Swierk and Rosemary Swierk for their presentation.

7. Legislative Updates

Summary Report from TOI available.

8. Reports

Supervisor: Supervisor Brokaw advises she has received a Legal Notice for zoning request - A-1 Agriculture to Conditional Use to allow for resort - Hamilton Road, St. Joseph Dream Home; hearing is on August 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Assessor Benitez advises this parcel is tax exempt; unsure of zoning effect.

Assessor: Assessor Benitez advises assessment duties including permits and sales are continuing. Also, continuing the valuation of the neighborhoods throughout the township; they are about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through. This is a quad year, so taking a bit longer; notices going out probably mid-August. Site visits are also continuing.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Fuller advises of work at the shop on signs, shoulder gravel work, some tree work, and some boom mowing. We haven't had much rain, so grass hasn't needed much mowing. Spot on Robin Hill Dr. repaired. Helped Village of Bull Valley with culvert work (reciprocal aid). Brief staffing review.

Clerk: No report.

Trustees: No report.

9. Executive Session - None

10. New Business

Plan for Open House and Voter Approval Meeting

11. Future Agenda Items

None

12. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Sheahan. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Decennial Committee Meeting on August 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.