

MINUTES OF THE DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
Dorr Township Office  
1039 Lake Ave, Woodstock, IL 60098

Present: Supervisor Susan Brokaw; Clerk Brenda Stack; Highway Commissioner John Fuller; Assessor Tammy Benitez (partial attendance); Trustee Jon Sheahan; Trustee John Buckley; Trustee Tom Thurman.

Not present: Trustee Laura Cullotta

Public present: Amber Bauman, 5116 Mt. Thabor Rd., Woodstock

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

Pledge of Allegiance previously recited at Decennial Committee Meeting.

1. Roll Call of Board Members present as listed above.
2. Public Comments: Amber Bauman states that she met with Deputy Josh Singer of the McHenry County Sheriff's Office regarding recent traffic study. They conducted a study for one week on Mt. Thabor Road, both northbound and southbound traffic, posted speed limit is 40 mph, with the following results:

Majority traffic was 41-48 mph (3889 vehicles)

36-40 mph 937 vehicles	46-50 mph 4416
31-35 mph 185 vehicles	51-55 mph 1626
26-30 mph 78 vehicles	56-60 mph 377
1-20 mph 3 vehicles	61-65 mph 97
	66-70 mph 23
	71-75 mph 9
	76-80 mph 3

Definitely a concerning analysis. Squads have been more heavily prevalent in the area, issuing more tickets. Amber suggests Speed Signs, which cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Highway Commissioner John Fuller asked to obtain the traffic report from Officer Singer; Amber Bauman advises she has the study, and can forward it to John Fuller. Trustee Thurman advises that it is not likely to change the speed limit out there, which is the low end for a rural road; this is more effectively an enforcement issue. Dorr Township is not really the correct entity, as previously advised. Department of Transportation and Sheriff's Department would be enforcement or road change entities. Thank you to Amber Bauman for the information.

3. Approval of Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Board meeting.

**Motion by Trustee John Buckley to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Jon Sheahan. Vote called; motion approved unanimously.**

4. Approval of Claims for period July 12, 2023 to August 8, 2023:

TF	\$63,778.95	GA	\$ 6,631.15
DRD	\$ 2,372.09	PHR	\$18,146.72

**Motion by Trustee Jon Sheahan to approve the claims for the period July 12, 2023 to August 8, 2023. Motion seconded by Trustee John Buckley. Vote called. Board polled; motion carries.**

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

5. Senior Activities Report

Senior Activities Report provided prior to meeting via email for review.

6. Road District Building Project

- a. Open House
- b. Voter Approval Meeting

Supervisor Brokaw advises that after the presentation at last month's meeting, there is a concern that things are moving rather quickly, and people may get the impression we are trying to rush or push something through. We can prove the project is needed; we have been saving for years, and we can afford the majority of the project, with the possibility of perhaps a \$250,000.00 loan, which we have investigated and is available. Selling points to the public: We need it; we have been saving for it; and we have the majority of funds. Trustee John Buckley asks how well will this be received? How confident are we that they will appreciate and support this in a narrow timeline? Discussion continues. Timetable presented by DDCA Architects and Direct Steel Contractor would be approval in October to start finishing up with the architectural drawings, which would mean Open Houses and Voter Approval meeting would need to happen before then. These would be held out at the garage. Marketing? Trustee John Buckley has a contact for marketing, and he will reach out. Bid process briefly discussed. Actually this is a two (2) phase project,

with this being Phase 2. It is discussed and determined that the timeline is moving too fast; can we wait a year? Yes, we can. We do not want to be rushed. It is determined we will continue to investigate the marketing aspect and move forward with a broader timeline.

## 7. Legislative Reports

Reports available through the Township Officials of Illinois Perspective magazine, and emails are being sent periodically.

## 8. Reports

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Brokaw advised she met with Fred Strauss from the local VFW post. They are losing their lease, and will hold interim meetings here the third Monday of each month until they can find a permanent solution.

TOI Educational Conference, November 12-14, 2023 - would like to get registration in by Friday, August 18, 2023. Please let Supervisor Brokaw know if you will attend.

Email received from Congressman Bill Foster who will be holding a Town Hall legislative update meeting this Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the Woodstock Opera House at 6:00 p.m.

The exterior of the building, on-street parking crossing over rocky ditch is a concern for persons attending events at Dorr Township. We would like to place two (2) bridges from the curb to the street. A SOAR@Dorr participant who has carpentry skills has offered to complete the project.

**Assessor:** Assessor Tammy Benitez already departed meeting. Supervisor Brokaw advises that Assessor Benitez had some concerns with Prime Law Group and Jim Militello, who is our attorney, representing people for tax appeals. Supervisor Brokaw sent Militello an email; he acknowledged the situation in a letter, and then included in that letter that he would be subsequently raising his rates significantly (his hourly wage would double from \$150.00 per hour to \$300.00 per hour). Based on the information, Supervisor Brokaw will be contacting other local attorneys who handle government matters.

Residential Sales July 11, 2023 through August 8, 2023 provided prior to meeting via email. Monthly Meeting Report: Input of permits and sales are continuing. The valuation of neighborhoods

throughout the Township are being finalized. Continuing site visits for permits and Homestead exemptions.

**Highway Commissioner:** Highway Commissioner Fuller advises they are mowing ditches, grinding stumps, trimming trees, cleaning up storm damage.

**Clerk:** No report.

**Trustees:** No report.

9. Executive Session - None

10. New Business - None

11. Future Agenda Items

Levies starting in October.

12. Motion to adjourn

**Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Buckley. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.**

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Decennial Committee: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Brenda Stack, Dorr Township Clerk