

MINUTES OF THE DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
November 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
Dorr Township Office  
1039 Lake Ave., Woodstock, IL 60098

Present: Supervisor Susan Brokaw; Assessor Tammy Benitez; Highway Commissioner John Fuller; Amy Hansen as acting Deputy Clerk; Trustee Laura Cullotta; Trustee John Buckley; Trustee Tom Thurman; Trustee Jon Sheahan.

Absent: Clerk Brenda Stack

Public present: Amber Bauman and Susan Dobbe-Leahy

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: Amber Bauman.

Amber represents a group of residents that live near Lucas and Doty Road that have several concerns about the new subdivision going in that area by Lennar Homes. She expressed concerns regarding a fen in the area with much wildlife, school bussing, low lying land, quality of life, and a proposed solar farm in the same area. Supervisor Brokaw explained that Dorr Township has not received a lot of information from the County or the City on either project, and suggested that a City Council meeting may be a better avenue regarding these topics. Amber informed the Board that there is a Facebook group with the residents that oppose these proposed projects.

3. Approval of Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting.

**Motion by Trustee Buckley to approve the Minutes of October 10, 2023. Motion seconded by Trustee Thurman. Trustee Sheahan abstained from the vote due to being absent last month. Vote called; motion approved unanimously.**

4. Approval of Claims for the period October 11, 2023 to November 9, 2023.

TF	\$65,380	GA	\$7,335.26
DRD	\$9,008.50	PHR	\$63,310.32

**Motion by Trustee Buckley to approve the claims for the period October 11, 2023 to November 9, 2023. Motion seconded by Trustee Sheahan. Trustee Thurman abstained. Vote called. Board polled; motion carries.**

General Assistance and Salvation Army case reports (copies provided for review).

5. Senior Activities Report

Written report from Laura Wassinger provided for review prior to meeting via email. Supervisor Brokaw advised that there is a Thanksgiving Luncheon with entertainment for the Seniors next week if anyone would like to attend.

6. Road District Building Project

Susan Dobbe-Leahy was present to answer any questions regarding Dobbe Marketing, their role, and the costs of their services. Ms. Dobbe-Leahy clarified the process of the Immersion, Discovery & Creative phases of their marketing plan. She wants to eliminate any confusion the public may have regarding the project by being very direct and suggested having a page dedicated on our website so all facts are open to the public. Cost for their services will be about \$10,000 total. Ms. Dobbe-Leahy will put together a contract for Dorr Township next week.

**Trustee Buckley made a motion to approve the decision to hire Dobbe Marketing & PR and enter in to the Immersion, Discovery & Creative Phase 1. Estimate is about \$10,000.00 for Phase 1. Motion seconded by Trustee Sheahan. Vote called. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.**

7. 2024 Holiday Schedule.

**Motion by Trustee Buckley to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Trustee Cullotta. Motion approved unanimously.**

8. Resolution - 2023 McHenry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and Continuation of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee

Commissioner Fuller explained that this assists the Township in a disaster. It is a program put together by McHenry County so that if there was a natural disaster such as a tornado, then the Township could receive financial assistance from an organization such as FEMA and have other organizations step in to assist the Township. If the Township is not part of the above-mentioned plan, then the Township would not be entitled to the assistance. Brief discussion that the Township has participated in the plan in the past and been a recipient of assistance because of it.

**Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to adopt the 2023 McHenry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and Continuation of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee. Motion seconded by Trustee Thurman. Motion approved unanimously.**

9. Levy

a. Dorr Township

Discussion about this year's levy for the Township. After 9 years of the levy remaining flat, and one year the levy being abated, it would be increased this year by \$25,000.

b. Road District

Discussion regarding this year's levy for the Road District would be increased by \$66,500.00.

Both levy ordinances would be available for public viewing at the Township office. Both years the Township and the Road District are still not raising the levy as much as allowed by law, but under the threshold.

10. Woodstock Christmas Clearing House

Supervisor Brokaw suggests that Dorr Township provide a grant of \$4,000 to Woodstock Christmas Clearing House again this year. Supervisor Brokaw acknowledged that they are providing a service to the residents of Dorr Township and the Township is grateful for that.

**Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to approve \$4,000.00 donation to the Woodstock Christmas Clearing House. Trustee Sheahan seconded the motion. Trustees Buckley and Cullotta abstain. Board polled; Motion approved unanimously.**

11. Reports:

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Brokaw advises the Township received a thank you note from Rosecrance Recovery Services in Woodstock for the assistance their clients have received through the General Assistance division of the Township. Supervisor Brokaw also discussed that the Township did not receive much information on the proposed solar farms or the proposed subdivision off Lucas Road. Supervisor Brokaw and Commissioner Fuller have both spoken with Darryl Moore from the City of Woodstock and he sent over some materials for their review. Assessor Benitez will be attending the December 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting to learn more about it. Supervisor Brokaw also informed the members that a Public Auditor visited the Township, as well as City Hall in Woodstock.

**Assessor:** Dorr Township was published on October 4, 2023 with the final date to appeal being November 3, 2023. Appeal period is complete. As of Thursday, November 9, 2023 the County reported 91 appeals. The department is now prepping the appeals prior to the hearing dates which will be in December and January. Sales and permits are still being uploaded in the data base.

**Highway Commissioner:** The Highway Department is patching culverts that needed to be cut open, put gravel up on the roads and shoulders where needed and worked on a culvert on Lucas Road. They are also preparing the brine for winter salting and already had to salt the roads on Halloween night. Trustee Buckley commented on how you can really notice how well the Township Roads are taken care of. Commissioner Fuller mentioned that the City may be adopting a 24-hour policy as to their plowing of roads after a snowstorm.

**Clerk:** No reports.

**Trustees:** None, but Trustee Buckley will report next month after the Annual Conference next week in Springfield.

12. Executive Session

None.

13. New Business

None.

14. Future Agenda Items

None.

15. Motion to adjourn.

**Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Sheahan. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Amy Hansen, acting Deputy Clerk for Dorr Township