

MINUTES OF THE DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Dorr Township Office
1039 Lake Ave, Woodstock, IL 60098

Present: Supervisor Susan Brokaw; Clerk Brenda Stack; Trustee Laura Cullotta; Trustee Jon Sheahan; Trustee John Buckley; Trustee Tom Thurman.

Not present: Highway Commissioner John Fuller; Assessor Tammy Benitez

Public present: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance previously recited.

1. Roll Call of Board Members present as listed above.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee John Buckley to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Tom Thurman. Vote called; motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Jon Sheahan to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Sue Brokaw. Vote called; motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Claims for period December 13, 2023 to January 9, 2024:

TF	\$48,602.29	GA	\$ 5,871.14
DRD	\$10,024.11	PHR	\$21,393.91

Motion by Trustee John Buckley to approve the claims for the period December 13, 2023 to January 9, 2024. Motion seconded by Trustee Jon Sheahan. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.

General Assistance and Salvation Army case reports provided prior to Board meeting via email for review. Trustee Sheahan comments there is not much this month, relatively quiet. Supervisor Sue Brokaw advises that she had Amy Hansen review assistance reports from 1998 through

2023, and that review determined 2023 was the largest number of assistance in a year since 1998.

5. Senior Activities Report

Senior Activities Report provided prior to meeting via email for review. Great report; lots of activities. Laura Wassinger is doing a great job. Supper Club briefly discussed.

6. Road District Building Project

Dobbe Marketing report dated January 8, 2024 - Dorr Township Truck Storage Facility Discover & Creative Report (provided prior to Board meeting for review). Supervisor Brokaw advises findings are not surprising. Moving to the next stage, and communicating to the public for the April 9, 2024 Annual Meeting. Goal to have the Annual Township Meeting at the garage; propose Open House, possible mixer with the Chamber of Commerce; special meeting to be held in May for final vote. Email from Sue Dobbe-Leahy suggesting the Board reconsider the Planning Phase at \$1,500.00 and Implementation Phase at a cost of around \$3,000,.00. Discussion regarding requested reconsiderations. Consensus is to approve the Planning Phase at \$1,500.00.

Motion by Trustee John Buckley to approve Planning Phase for \$1,500.00, and evaluate Implementation Phase at a later date after Planning Phase. Motion seconded by Trustee Jon Sheahan. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.

7. Civility Pledge

Supervisor Sue Brokaw provides individual printed Civility Pledge to each Board member present. Civility Pledge recited by all present, dated and signed by Supervisor Brokaw, Clerk Brenda Stack, Trustees Buckley, Sheahan, Cullotta and Thurman. Trustee John Buckley suggests printing the Civility Pledge at the bottom of every Agenda hereafter.

CIVILITY PLEDGE:

In the interest of civility, I pledge to promote civility by listening, being respectful of others, acknowledging that we are all striving to support and improve our community, and understanding that we each may have different ideas for achieving that objective.

8. Legislative Updates - None.

9. Reports

Supervisor: Supervisor Brokaw advises she attended a recent webinar regarding Paid Leave for All Workers Act.

Information regarding notice to be posted prepared. Personnel Manual will include information. Paid leave can be accrual based or front load, which seems to be much simpler, and our choice.

Proposed Notice:

PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT

The Paid Leave for All Workers Act takes effect January 1, 2024, and provides employees one hour of paid leave per 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours of paid leave. New hires become eligible for paid leave after completion of the probationary period. Workers can use paid leave for any reason of their choosing.

Hours will be front-loaded the beginning of each calendar year based on expected hours of work. Employees shall provide notice of at least seven calendar days for foreseeable leave and as soon as possible for unforeseeable leave. Time off may be denied out of operational necessity. Unused hours are not rolled over and PLFAWA does not require payoff of unused leave.

Proposed Notice has been provided to township attorney Jim Militello for his review and comments. Effective March 1st.

Thank you received from Christmas Clearing House for our donation.

McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals Notice received for conditional use on the west side of Ridgefield Road - A-1 Agriculture to Commercial use for solar farm. Hearing was held December 28, 2023.

Assessor: Assessor Tammy Benitez not present.

Update for January meeting:

Monthly input of sales and permits are continuing. With 95 received appeals for 2023 the Board of Review has heard and decided on 58 of those. We are continuing to prepare the remaining appeals for hearing and non-hearings. The remainder will be scheduled from now and into early February. Site visits are continuing but will be weather permitting.

Residential Sales December 8, 2023 through January 3, 2024 provided via email prior to meeting.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Fuller not present. Trustee Laura Cullotta asks what buildings out at highway department are used for. Trustee Tom Thurman advises there is a salt shed, truck storage building, wash bay/brine room and equipment storage. Names for facility briefly discussed, pursuant to information provided by Dobbe Marketing. Dorr Township Maintenance Facility or Center are suggested. Highway Operations Center also suggested.

Clerk: Clerk Brenda Stack advises it is that time of year for the Statement of Economic Interest. Email received from McHenry County Clerk requesting list of required filers. Clerk Stack advises that she has confirmed and sent the list of filers to the County Clerk, and all should receive an email in the coming few weeks from the McHenry County Clerk advising of filing requirement. If you have not received an email by next month's meeting, please let her know.

Trustees: No report. Trustee John Buckley asks about recent email received regarding grant for railroad grade crossing funds. Brief discussion. Grant due in a week, so not enough time to pursue if interested.

10. Executive Session - None

11. New Business

Meeting dates - April, 2024 to March 2025
Budget - tbd

12. Future Agenda Items

13. Motion to adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Sue Brokaw to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee John Buckley. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Brenda Stack, Dorr Township Clerk