

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DORR TOWNSHIP
May 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
Dorr Township Highway Operations
12322 Davis Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

Electors present: The electors present are evidenced by sign-in sheets made a part of these Minutes.

Dorr Township Clerk Brenda Stack welcomes those attending the meeting and advises all present to make sure they have registered with the Sign-In desk in order to determine eligibility to vote.

1. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

2. Meeting called to order by Clerk Brenda Stack. Introduction of Township Officials

present: Sue Brokaw, Township Supervisor; John Fuller, Highway Commissioner; Tammy Benitez, Assessor; Trustee John Buckley, Trustee Jon Sheahan, Trustee Laura Cullotta; Trustee Tom Thurman, and Clerk Brenda Stack.

The Clerk stated the first order of business is the election of a Moderator to preside over the meeting. **Motion made by Sue Brokaw to nominate John Buckley as Moderator; motion seconded by Philip Stack.** Clerk asks if there are any further nominations, with no further nominations being made. **Motion to close the nominations for Moderator made by Jon Sheahan; motion seconded by Tammy Benitez.** **Vote called; by a majority vote, and none opposed, Motion for John Buckley as Moderator passes.**

Electors at the meeting are required to be registered voters (registered more than 28 days before the present meeting) in Dorr Township in order to cast a vote. Township Officials, other than the Clerk, have no role at a Special Meeting and serve as electors, as any other registered voter.

The Oath of Moderator was administered by the Clerk and signed by John Buckley.

3. John Buckley assumed the office of Moderator and asked the Clerk to read the Call of the Special Town Meeting, which was published in the Woodstock Independent on May 1, 2024. **Motion is made by Sue Brokaw to dispense with the reading of the Call of the Meeting of the May 21, 2024 Special Town Meeting; motion seconded by Jon Sheahan.** Elector Jonathan Moore asks what that means; Clerk Brenda Stack advises that means that the Notice of the Special Town Meeting (Publication Notice) does not need to be read aloud. Mr. Moore states he does not see

what it hurts. Clerk Brenda Stack advises that a motion has been made a seconded and needs a vote called. Clerk Brenda Stack also makes the Notice available for anyone present to review. **Vote called;**

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motion passes by majority, with one (1) opposed (Elector Jonathan Moore).

4. Discussion and action on Highway Operations Project.

Moderator John Buckley states that the purpose of the meeting is discussion and vote on the construction of two (2) buildings pursuant to specifications at the Dorr Township Highway Operations Center, 12322 Davis Road, Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois.

Discussion commences. Highway Commissioner John Fuller provides an overview of the current status of the buildings and issues. Elector Jonathan Moore asks about repairs being considered instead of spending money and constructing new buildings that seem unnecessary, citing a personal example of his upbringing on a farm and that they didn't have the "luxury" of having new. Elector Jonathan Moore further states that we don't need to raise taxes. Highway Commissioner Fuller advises that in 2012 the first phase of building project was completed, and now we are anticipating the second phase with these two (2) new buildings, and that this has been a long term project. Supervisor Sue Brokaw explains the Capital Fund Account setting aside funds for the specific purpose of the building projects required. Elector Jonathan Moore asks where the money came from. Supervisor Sue Brokaw further explains that we have kept our levy flat for the last 10 years, abated money. Elector Jonathan Moore states the he didn't get a refund on his taxes; Supervisor Sue Brokaw explains that we don't take the money in a levy, thereby saving taxpayers money. Supervisor Sue Brokaw explains plan for buildings and actions taken over the last several years. Elector Jose Avila asks if the current buildings are up to government/OSHA standards? Highway Commissioner John Fuller advises that they are not. Elector Jose Avila states that he expects that the new buildings will be, and Highway Commissioner Fuller advises they will. Elector Tom Thurman (Trustee) asks the age of this building. Supervisor Sue Brokaw advises that it is at least 55 years old, pre-dating the purchase of the property for the Highway Department. Elector Rick Hoyt asks if we have an estimate for the cost. Supervisor Sue Brokaw advises 1.5 million Dollars for the two (2) new buildings, with no increase in taxes for this project. Elector Rick Hoyt asks if we will need to borrow for that figure; Supervisor Sue Brokaw advises we are anticipating that we will have enough funds. Supervisor Sue Brokaw explains the process after voter approval, if received, i.e, architects, permits, bids, etc. with anticipated construction beginning next Spring. Elector Jonathan Moore asks why we can't wait another 5-10 years (his example was the "overspending" on the Old Courthouse in Woodstock), and the roads should be addressed. Moderator John Buckley explains that we can't really compare with the Old Courthouse, as that is a historic building and we are talking about a different situation. Moderator John Buckley advises we are here to discuss the building project; Elector

Marie Klapperich states that the roads in Dorr Township are the best maintained roads in the county. Elector Jonathan Moore states that the road outside this building here is not even striped. Highway Commissioner John Fuller advises that Davis Road is a City of Woodstock maintained road, and invites anyone to review the
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map in his office showing the road district. Moderator John Buckley calls for any other questions related to this project. Clerk Brenda Stack states that this is not the first meeting we have had on this project, several meetings have been held, and we have been discussing the project for the last year at our monthly meetings. Elector Jonathan Moore states that he is a working man and unable to make any of the meetings due to his schedule. Moderator John Buckley asks for any further questions or comments. No other questions being forthcoming, Call to Vote by Ballot.

Moderator John Buckley reads the ballot form:

Proposition: To allow the construction of two (2) buildings at Dorr Township Highway Operations, 12322 Davis Road, Woodstock, Illinois 60098. Vote in Favor or Vote Against; one vote per elector.

Motion by Jon Sheahan to vote by ballot to allow the construction of two (2) buildings at Dorr Township Highway Operations, 12322 Davis Road, Woodstock, Illinois 60098. Motion seconded by Sue Brokaw. Vote called; motion carries by majority vote; one (1) opposed (Elector Jonathan Moore).

Ballots dispersed to electors for voting. Ballots collected and counted by Clerk Brenda Stack and Moderator John Buckley.

Votes tabulated. Clerk Brenda Stack announces that the tabulated votes are as follows: **32 votes in favor; one (1) vote against, for a total of 33 cast votes.**

Motion by Laura Cullotta to adjourn; motion seconded by Marie Klapperich. By majority vote, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Prepared by Brenda Stack, Dorr Township Clerk