

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

Present: Clerk Brenda Stack; Highway Commissioner John Fuller;
Assessor Tammy Benitez; Trustee Tom Thurman; Trustee John Buckley,
Trustee Laura Cullotta.

Not present: Supervisor Susan Brokaw; Trustee Jon Sheahan

Public present: None

Meeting called to order by Clerk Brenda Stack at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

1. Roll Call of Board Members present as listed above.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes of the June 11, 2024 Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Laura Cullotta to approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2024 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee John Buckley. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Claims for June 12, 2024 to July 9, 2024:

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| TF | \$78,128.06 | GA | \$ 875.00 |
| DRD | \$42,390.57 | PHR | \$26,950.64 |

Motion by Trustee John Buckley to approve the claims for the period June 12, 2024 to July 9, 2024. Motion seconded by Trustee Tom Thurman.

Clerk Brenda Stack asks if there are any questions on the claims.
Trustee Laura Cullotta asks about QuickBooks training. We will
request Supervisor Susan Brokaw to respond when available.

Board polled; motion approved unanimously.

General Assistance and Salvation Army case reports provided prior to
Board meeting via email for review.

5. Senior Activities Report

Senior Activities Report provided at meeting for review.

6. Road District Building Project

Highway Commissioner John Fuller advises that Public Notice was published for bids not later than 2:00 p.m. on July 23, 2024. Pre-bid meeting was today, July 9, 2024; 14 companies attended. Assessor Tammy Benitez advises that she received a call before office hours today regarding project; she advised she didn't have information, and the caller, apparently representing a company interested in bidding, expressed displeasure. Assessor Benitez advises that both she and Amy Hansen in the office spoke with this representative with an unpleasant experience. Trustee Buckley suggests that this information be relayed to Rosemary at Direct Steel. Clerk Stack advises that she has received several inquiries from companies concerning bids.

7. Oakland Cemetery

Clerk Brenda Stack advises that she attended the Oakland Cemetery Board meeting held last evening, July 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Based on our inquiries to Bruce Farris at our last month meeting, they requested that their investment representative from Home State Bank attend this meeting. (Mark Weber from Home State Bank was in attendance and provided documentation on their investment portfolio, which was reviewed at length). Clerk Stack advises that after the investment presentation, Mr. Weber exited the meeting and their regular meeting ensued. During the meeting, Clerk Stack advises she had several questions that she asked about their annual budget, source(s) of income, their expenses, and their intended plan to proceed. They advised they are a non-profit entity, and historically, the cemetery finances and position has always been like this. Clerk Stack further advises that all members of the Cemetery Board presented themselves as dedicated, concerned and troubled about the cemetery's situation. Fees and expenses reviewed. Clerk Stack asked why the City of Woodstock was not concerned or involved; as in several other inquiries, the response was mostly that the City had never been involved and showed no interest over the decades when asked. Clerk Stack suggested that they approach the City of Woodstock, as it seems they should be concerned with this historic cemetery holding several generations of residents. Trustee Buckley suggests that as discussed last month, we should approach the City of Woodstock to see if they

would provide an in-kind donation along with the township, again advising of the concern of an abandoned cemetery at the edge of town close to a school. Discussion continues regarding our possible assistance. Clerk Stack advises that it seemed clear that the Cemetery Board was looking for Dorr Township to be their "savior", to take over. The Board's concern is this is an important community service, and therefore important to the community. Discussion continues. Dorr Township is not equipped or funded to run a cemetery. The Cemetery Board is interested in a referendum, and then a levy would provide funds. Clerk Stack briefly and rudimentarily explained the levy process and advised that the Dorr Township Board was not fond of levies, obviously as they raise taxes. Trustee Buckley suggests we act proactively instead of reactively, helping to determine how we can prevent Oakland Cemetery from dissolving; suggests again working with the City of Woodstock to see if we can all work together for a solution; see where the City sits on this issue, then meet with the Cemetery Board to discuss options/solutions. Trustee Thurman asks if the County would be interested, which is unknown but unlikely.

8. Legislative Updates - None.

9. Reports

Supervisor: Supervisor Brokaw's report read by Clerk Brenda Stack: Parking lot sealed and striped - added 2 handicap spaces.

In Sync Systems, who provided our telephone and security cameras, has been taken over by Leading IT in Woodstock. They have notified me that they are discontinuing the camera system services, but are able to recommend a new provider. Then I reached out to them to update our automated phone answering message and was told they couldn't do it. Comcast happened to be in the area the last week of June and they are providing information for a new service that is available at a much cheaper rate which would also include new phones. I will keep you updated as to the progress for this.

***(Trustee John Buckley suggests a contact; he will get the information to Sue.)**

If anyone is interested in the education event in Schaumburg August 27th, please add your name to the registration form.

I will also be making reservations this month for the TOI Conference. If you plan to attend, please add your name to this form.

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Local Officials Appreciation luncheon at the Illinois State Fair is

Saturday, August 17th between Noon and 2:00 p.m. You can scan the QR code on the flyer if interested.

If anyone is not going to be seeking re-election for their office, please let me know so that I can work on getting replacements.

***(Clerk Brenda Stack advises that she recently received an email with information on timelines for Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election. After further review, Consolidated Election petition circulation begins August 20, 2024. First day to file petitions is Monday, November 11, 2024; last day to file petitions is Monday, November 18, 2024. More information to follow next month.)**

Assessor: Residential Sales June 12, 2024 - July 8, 2024 - June 11, 2024 provided via email prior to meeting. Assessor Benitez advises everything has been sent in to the County to be reviewed. We have gone through the first and second round of questions; started third round today. They have not given us a date yet to when we will be published; SA level now, SA Equalized level by the end of the week. Publishing shortly after. We are continuing to do site visits. Also inputting sales and permits into our system.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Fuller advises they have done another round of mowing, ditches, boom mower has been out, another storm cleanup, shop work, culverts on Lucas Road, and the building project.

Clerk: Setting of Compensation due this year - November.

Trustees: No report

10.Executive Session - None

11.New Business

- a. Election 2025 - Clerk Stack briefly touched on election information under Supervisor Report. August 13, 2024 Agenda item.

12.Future Agenda Items

- a. Salaries/Compensation - November

13.Motion to adjourn

Motion by Trustee John Buckley to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Tom Thurman. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Submitted by Brenda Stack, Dorr Township Clerk

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.