

MINUTES OF THE DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2024 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; Trustee Laura Cullotta; Trustee Tom Thurman; Trustee John Buckley.

Not present: Trustee Jon Sheahan

Public present: None

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Susan Brokaw 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 November 14, 2024 Board meeting

Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2024 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Laura Cullotta. Motion approved; Trustee Thurman abstains.

4. Approval of Claims for November 15, 2024 to December 10, 2024:

TF	\$ 64,797.84	GA	\$ 1,720.00
DRD	\$138,548.99	PHR	\$31,974.49

Motion by Trustee Thurman to approve the claims for the period November 15, 2024 to December 10, 2024. Motion seconded by Trustee Laura Cullotta. No comments or questions. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.

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

5. Senior Activities Report

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

6. Road District Building Project

Highway Commissioner Fuller provides update. Footings being poured. Project is moving along.

7. Oakland Cemetery

Supervisor Brokaw advises nothing new to report. Previously Bruce Farris said they were going to go before the Woodstock City Council and get back to us.

8. Levy

- a. Town Levy presented last month.
 - Total General Town Fund: \$600,000
 - Total General Assistance Fund: \$75,000
 - Total Taxes Levied: \$675,000
 - Increase of 3.8% over last year.

Brief review and discussion. **Motion by Supervisor Brokaw that the corporate authority of Dorr Township has determined that the amount of money exclusive of election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by general taxation for the Township Levy upon the taxable property within its taxing district, for the tax year 2024, collectible in 2025, is the sum of \$600,000.00 in the Town Fund and \$75,000.00 in the General Assistance Fund, for a total of \$675,000.00. Motion seconded by Trustee Cullotta. Board polled; motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Road District Levy presented last month.
 - Total General Road Fund: \$350,000
 - Total Permanent Hard Road Fund: \$1,175,000
 - Total Road District Taxes Levied: \$1,525,000

Brief review and discussion. **Motion by Supervisor Brokaw that Highway Commissioner Fuller has determined that the amount of money, exclusive of election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by general taxation for the Road District upon the taxable property within its taxing district, for the tax year 2024, collectible in 2025, is the sum of \$350,000.00 in the Road District Fund and \$1,175,000.00 of the equalized assessed evaluation in the Permanent Hard Road Fund, for a total of \$1,525,000.00. Motion seconded by Trustee Cullotta. Board polled; motion passed unanimously.**

9. Christmas Clearing House donation discussion and approval

Majority not present to determine vote. Item tabled until next month.

10. Plat of Vacation - Riverwoods Subdivision

Highway Commissioner Fuller explains request for Plat of vacation for the Riverwoods Subdivision regarding a previously platted road in Dorr Township located within this new planned subdivision project. Formality requires Dorr Township approval and signature. **Motion by Trustee Buckley to approve the plat of vacation for Highway Commissioner Fuller's signature. Motion seconded by Trustee Thurman. Motion approved unanimously.**

11. Reports

Supervisor: Supervisor Brokaw advises the audit is still not yet complete - they are working on it. Received a letter from the Comptroller's office (we had an extension until November 26, 2024) and they are asking for report or fines may be issued. Auditor advises as long as we supply the Comptroller with certain information there should be no issue of concern. QuickBooks Pro - issue determined under payroll. Zoom meeting on Thursday with Supervisor Brokaw and Amy Hansen. Kelly, who does QuickBooks training for TOI, may have an opening for us to be able to use her as a consultant. McHenry County Department of Planning and Zoning application - notice received regarding landscape business/garden center - conditional use permit (Johnson Hill Farms) hearing on January 15, 2025; PIN 13-30-400-010 and 13-30-400-011. Another notice received of ZBA Conditional Use Permit to allow vacation rental at 8617 Ridgefield Road, Crystal Lake - hearing was December 5, 2024.

Email received from Dan Patlak, Illinois Policy Director of Advocacy (Illinois Policy Referendum Project) asking to place between one and three non-binding referendum questions on the April 1 ballot in Illinois townships. The three questions they are requesting we consider are:

- Do you support constitutional pension reform to protect workers' existing retirements and generate savings which could provide property tax relief or to be reinvested in the community?
- Should the State of Illinois be allowed to force unfunded mandates on local governments who may raise property taxes to cover the costs of those mandates?

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- Should the State of Illinois create an independent citizens commission to draw fair and competitive federal and state redistricting maps, rather than allowing lawmakers to decide?

Board vote needed no later than January 13, 2025 in order to be placed on the April 1 ballot.

Brief discussion. Concern regarding out of township and out of township involvement. Consensus is not in favor of approval of these items.

Assessor: Residential Sales November 15, 2024 through December 6, 2024 provided via email prior to meeting. First day of commercial hearings were today. Will still have some to schedule as the month goes on. The County hopes to have us finished by the end of January. Continuing to do site visits. Permits and sales are being entered.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Fuller advises that stop lines painted at new stop signs on Lucas Road. Plows are ready to go. Doing shop work, washed trucks, maintenance on chipper.

Clerk: Packets filed for all offices. Certification of Ballot provided to County Clerk.

Trustees: No report

12.Executive Session

a. Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to enter Executive Session. Motion seconded by Trustee Thurman. Motion approved unanimously.

Return to Regular meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to approve release of the Executive Session Minutes from January 11, 2020, May 12, 2020, January 12, 2021, February 9, 2021, March 9, 2021, April 13, 2021, October 11, 2022, January 10, 2023, May 9, 2023. Motion seconded by Trustee Cullotta. Motion approved unanimously.

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13.New Business - None

14.Future Agenda Items

a. Christmas Clearing House donation discussion and approval

15. Motion to adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Brokaw to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee Laura Cullotta. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 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.