

MINUTES OF THE DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2025 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 Jon Sheahan; Trustee John Buckley.

Public present: Laura Wassinger and Lynda Rohe, SOAR@Dorr; See attached Sign-In Sheet (Dorr Township Meeting, March 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m.).

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: Laura Wassinger, SOAR@Dorr program director, thanks the Dorr Township Board for welcoming SOAR@Dorr and for having a home here. They would like to be here at future Board meetings in case the Board has questions about the program. Handout provided to Board members with SOAR@Dorr Township Update March 11, 2025, newspaper articles featuring the program, recent letters from community members Terry Willcockson and Mary Richards regarding the program and possible expansion in the space to be available by relocation of the Food Pantry, letter from Debi Baker to Laura Wassinger regarding the program, Township Update dated February 11, 2025, and Ageism Fact Sheet. Laura Wassinger reviews several of the activities available through SOAR@Dorr, particularly District 200 offered computer tables applied for by grant, and other grants that become available. Laura Wassinger continues, advising that the purpose of the group of people in attendance at the Board meeting tonight is regarding relocation of the Food Pantry and the subsequent space that will be available, hoping for SOAR@Dorr to be able to utilize that space. Peggy Hart relates the abundance of positive experiences with SOAR@Dorr and how vital their support is, and will be; relates personal activities and experience in the community, and the importance throughout history for senior activities and services, aging in place, maintaining independence, and activities in their communities. Peggy Hart emphasizes several points: providing opportunities for exercise, stimulation and communication; keep Seniors in their homes; partnership with Friends of the Opera House providing cultural stimulation. Thank you for your continued support and we hope the Board continues to expand to meet the demands of active seniors in the community. Andrew Celentano advises he is the co-chair of the advisory committee

and has worked for 14 years with students of District 200, and would like to see a collaboration of young people and Seniors. 800 people per month come through the door utilizing the SOAR@Dorr programs and activities; they do a fantastic job and he is here to "spread the faith". Jean Herbert Nieman advises that the programs have meant so much to her; it is a great place to come, a place where you feel like you belong with a great sense of community. Staff is wonderful and caring, and she advises she would like to see more activities offered and programs expanded, and she appreciates having the opportunities offered. Charlene Spikes advises she met Laura early on and started coming to SOAR@Dorr. The program helped to get her back moving and taking advantage of everything else that happens here. Sue Garcia advises she moved here four (4) years ago, soon thereafter lost her spouse and read in the paper about the program here. She participates in volunteer opportunities, and her life is enriched by all of this. Several other speakers advised they have lost their spouses and were looking for things to do for Seniors. This is a tight knit group, all supportive of each other. Mike Preston advises he moved here two and a half years ago, started coming about six (6) months ago and enjoys the opportunities available here. Sherry Thurow advises this is a welcoming place, staff is upbeat and warm, and there is a variety of interests - something for everyone. Diane Lukas advises she loves the social opportunities and fitness programs, and we could use more space. Pat Bergeson advises she is delighted with program, and related a personal story wherein her daughter told her she noticed she sounded much better and happier. Barb Day advises there are so many wonderful things offered, and this is an amazing group. Jean Schierhorn advises she appreciates the flexibility here, workshops, crafts. The staff listens to us and to our suggestions, and it is a whole big community and it is like we are all running it. Adele Mickelson advises she moved here four (4) years ago, came from Georgia and was involved with a Senior group there. You learn about the community; also there are financial benefits to the community by Seniors participating in various activities in the community such as going out to dinner and enjoying activities. It keeps you engaged, involved, and see what's going on. What is happening here is really keeping people alive and moving; thank you for allowing this public service. Supervisor Susan Brokaw thanks all in attendance for coming and speaking to the Board; the Senior program had been a goal of hers when she became Supervisor, contacting the City of Woodstock and working to secure a grant and working actively to get the program up and running. Thank you to all.

3. Approval of Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Board meeting

Correction to Approval of Claims dates: January 15, 2025 to February 11, 2025.

Correction to Supervisor Report - Neva Wright, NAMI of McHenry County

Motion by Trustee Laura Cullotta to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Board meeting with corrections as stated. Motion seconded by Trustee Tom Thurman. Vote called - Trustee John Buckley abstains; motion carries.

4. Approval of Claims for February 12, 2025 to March 11, 2025:

TF	\$ 69,596.74	GA	\$ 1,655.00
DRD	\$ 29,464.69	PHR	\$ 43,480.14

Motion by Trustee John Buckley to approve the claims for the period February 12, 2025 to March 11, 2025. Motion seconded by Trustee Jon Sheahan. No comments or questions. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.

Supervisor Brokaw advises we will be at the end of fiscal year, and approval of claims through the end of the month is standard procedure for bills that will come in. **Motion by Trustee Tom Thurman to approve the claims from March 12, 2024 through the end of March, 2025. Motion seconded by Trustee John Buckley. 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

Handout - Township Update March 11, 2025 provided via email prior to meeting for review, and also presented by Laura Wassinger previously in meeting. Laura Wassinger explains that they wanted to bring up the request for expansion in the space previously used by the Food Pantry before approval of the budget in case there are budgetary concerns. We need more space. We met with a rep from "MySeniorCenter" for data collection and reporting; meeting with Community Foundation for McHenry County. Sponsorships by local merchants (up to five (5) sponsors) could help fund the costs of the MySeniorCenter system, which is \$5,000.00 +. Trustee John Buckley asks about the process for all of this to happen. Supervisor Sue Brokaw advises that we do not have enough money levied. Trustee Buckley states that we would need to see priorities and what is proposed down on paper to be able to accurately contemplate any action. Supervisor Brokaw advises that the budget process will start at next month's regular meeting.

6. Road District Building Project

Highway Commissioner Fuller provides update - work continues to progress and the buildings are doing very well; moving right along.

7. Highway Department Rock Salt Contract Participation Agreement

Clerk Brenda Stack advises that she prepared the Certificate of Authority pursuant to State of Illinois Central Management Services (CMS), Jack Eck, requested by Highway Commissioner John Fuller, as required to participate in the program. Certificate of Authority will be uploaded to their website, along with completion of the required form.

8. Annual Meeting Agenda Approval

Draft Annual Meeting Agenda reviewed. Supervisor Sue Brokaw advises she would like to add Resolution Opposing Township Consolidation pursuant to TOI guidelines. Draft Resolution reviewed.

Motion by Trustee John Buckley to approve the addition of the Resolution and the Agenda for the Annual Meeting on April 8, 2025. Motion seconded by Trustee Tom Thurman. Motion approved unanimously.

9. Transfer of Appropriations

The following Transfer of Appropriations were presented:

Town Fund:

Transferred from unexpended balance of line item 13429 in the Town Fund the sum of five hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which transferred sum is hereby added to line item 11423 in the same fund, making the adjusted appropriation for the first line item aforesaid two thousand five hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and the second line item aforesaid four thousand two hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00).

Transferred from unexpended balance of line item 13434 in the Town Fund the sum of one hundred Dollars (\$100.00) which transferred sum is hereby added to line item 11432 in the same fund, making the adjusted appropriation for the first line item aforesaid nine hundred Dollars (\$900.00) and the second line item aforesaid two hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

Transferred from unexpended balance of line item 11410 in the Town

Fund the sum of one thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) which transferred sum is hereby added to line item 11426 in the same fund, making the adjusted appropriation for the first line item aforesaid two thousand forty-nine thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00) and the second line item aforesaid thirteen thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00).

Transferred from unexpended balance of line item 11419 in the Town Fund the sum of one thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) which transferred sum is hereby added to line item 11429 in the same fund, making the adjusted appropriation for the first line item aforesaid eleven thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) and the second line item aforesaid eight thousand hundred Dollars (\$8,000.00).

Transferred from unexpended balance of line item 11437 in the Town Fund the sum of two thousand five hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) which transferred sum is hereby added to line item 11445 in the same fund, making the adjusted appropriation for the first line item aforesaid twenty-two thousand five hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) and the second line item aforesaid six thousand five hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00).

Permanent Hard Road Fund:

Transferred from unexpended balance of line item 40437 in the Permanent Hard Road Fund the sum of three thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) which transferred sum is hereby added to line item 40453 in the same fund, making the adjusted appropriation for the first line item aforesaid twenty-two thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) and the second line item aforesaid four thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

Motion by Trustee John Buckley to approve the Transfers of Appropriations as a consolidated vote collectively as stated above. Motion seconded by Trustee Tom Thurman. Board polled; motion approved unanimously.

10. Legislative Reports

Resolution to Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government

Supervisor Sue Brokaw advises that we have been receiving emails and communications from TOI encouraging everyone to contact their legislators, as TOI is quite concerned regarding recent legislation about dissolution of township and consolidation of townships. Brief review of several bills being brought before the legislature. TOI is strongly urging everyone to oppose these bills. Contact Steve Reich and Craig Wilcox. Asking all townships to adopt Resolution to Oppose Consolidation of Townships into County Government.

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Brief discussion and review of resolution.

Motion by Trustee John Buckley to adopt and approve Resolution to Oppose Township Consolidation into County Government. Motion seconded by Supervisor Sue Brokaw. Resolution approved and adopted.

11.Reports

Supervisor: Supervisor Brokaw advises we received dividend check from TOIRMA, \$6,101 - \$2,684 went into Town Fund and \$3,417 into Road and Bridge Fund. Notice received from McHenry County Planning and Development Zoning Application for Conditional Use Permit - outdoor athletic facility, Country Club Road toward Ridgefield - Prairie Drive and Castleberry Drive. Hearing on March 19, 2025. Every fire inspection needed to comply with the State Fire Association has been done.

Assessor: Residential Sales February 11, 2025 through March 10, 2025 provided via email prior to meeting. Assessor Tammy Benitez advises they are continuing to input sales, permits and other computer-related jobs. We continue to do sales ratio studies for the valuing of neighborhoods; we should be done next month. We are doing a few more site visits with the weather being better. The week of the 17th we will be going to Bloomington (Tammy and Shannon) for assessment continuing education.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Fuller advises last of the salt is ready, mixed some brine, we have enough to get through the winter. Replaced a few signs. Inmates were out and did cleanup in brine mixing area, road trash pickup and washed trucks. Training staff for pipelines. Mason Hill Road fatality to be reported to TOIRMA.

Clerk: Clerk Stack advises Statement of Economic Interest due by May 1, 2025 (All complied except Tom Thurman and John Buckley).

Annual Meeting April 8, 2025

Trustees: No report

12.Executive Session - No report

13.New Business - None

14.Future Agenda Items

- a. Budgets - to be presented at April regular Board Meeting; hearings/approval prior to May Board meeting.

15.Motion to adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Sue Brokaw to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee John Buckley. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 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.