



MINUTES, DEKALB TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
December 9th, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 6:01 p.m. at the Township offices located at 2323 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois. Roll was taken; those present were Supervisor Johnson, Assessor Hietikko, Road Commissioner Smith and Trustees King, Schweitzer and Teboda; with Trustee Flavin arriving at 6:02p.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Johnson.

Members of the Public Present: None

Reports from the Public: None

Presentations: None

Reports:

Supervisor Johnson: Supervisor Johnson provided the list of proposals from the Local Government Consolidation Task Force (copy is attached); the list is to be provided to the Governor's office by December 31st.

Clerk Kunde: None

Road Commissioner Smith: Commissioner Smith stated that fair weather is our friend and that they have been doing repair and shop work right now. He is still working on the purchase of a Road Stripper for the Township, he is putting together figures.

Assessor Hietikko: Nothing to report at this time, but notices are supposed to go out next Monday.

Trustee King: The City of DeKalb put together a strategic plan for the future and did not include the Township. Trustee King raised her concerns and disappoint with the City for the omission, she is working on a remedy to fix the relations between the Township and City.





Trustee Flavin: Noting to report.

Trustee Schweitzer: Nothing to report.

Trustee Teboda: Trustee Teboda would like to establish a Senior Program through the Township. After discussion it was decided that she, Trustee King and Supervisor Johnson would meet after the January meeting to put together a program proposal.

Bill Paying:

A motion to approve the November audit report and December bills to pay was made by Trustee Schweitzer and seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

A motion to approve and file the November Budgetary report was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Trustee Teboda. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Approval of the regular Town minutes: a motion was made by Supervisor Johnson to approve the minutes from October 14th, 2015 with the correction to the meeting date from April to October as stated by Trustee King. The motion was seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed.

The 2016 Town Levy was presented by Supervisor Johnson, he explained that there is a 2 ½ % increase in Town, General Assistance and Elected Officials funding. A motion was made by Trustee Schweitzer to accept the 2016 Town Levy and was seconded by Trustee King. A roll call vote was taken: Johnson-Aye, Schweitzer-Aye, Flavin-Aye, King-Aye and Teboda-Aye. Motion passed.

The 2016 Road and Bridge Levy was presented by Road Commissioner Smith, he explained that he was, as usual, asking for the maximum levy of 4.99% with the knowledge that he will probably only receive 2%. A motion was made by Trustee Flavin to accept the 2016 Road and Bridge Levy and seconded by Trustee Teboda. A roll call vote was taken: Johnson-Aye, Schweitzer-Aye, Flavin-Aye, King-Aye and Teboda-Aye. Motion passed.





The 2016 Meeting and Holiday Schedule was presented by Supervisor Johnson. A motion was made to accept the schedule with a correction to the meeting date for November. The change is from November 9th to the 16th to accommodate Township Officials attending the annual Township Officials of Illinois conference. A motion was made by Trustee Teboda to accept the schedule and seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting: Will be on January 13th, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Township Offices located at 2424 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb.

The Committee on Youth meeting time was not announced.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Teboda and seconded by Trustee Schweitzer. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Geraldynne Kunde, DeKalb Township Clerk

By:

Attest:

Eric Johnson, Supervisor

Geraldynne Kunde, Clerk



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
EVELYN SANGUINETTI - LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Local Government Consolidation
and Unfunded Mandates Task Force

Task Force Proposals
October 19, 2015

1. Allow all townships in state to consolidate with coterminous municipalities via referendum. The Illinois General Assembly passed a bill that allowed *voters* in Evanston Township to hold a referendum to consolidate the township into the city of Evanston, but it didn't apply those powers to the 18 other coterminous municipalities/townships in Illinois. The bill should be expanded to *cover* all such townships in Illinois.
2. Remove the limitation capping of a townships size of 126 square miles. The current 126 square mile restriction is antiquated and dates back to the 1800's. A McHenry County citizens group wanted to pursue a consolidation plan of reducing the number of townships from 17 townships to 4, but was unable to because of the 126 square mile state restriction.
3. Allow counties with fewer than 15,000 parcels and \$1 billion in Equalized Assessed Value, to dissolve all of the elected township assessors and multi-township assessment districts into one newly elected county assessor position and office. By majority vote of the county board or via citizen-led referendum .

Consolidation up to the county level would result in increased professionalization of assessment services and a reduced occurrence of unequal assessment practices from township to township. The 15,000 parcels and \$1 billion EAV level is based on best practice recommendations from surrounding states.

If enacted in all the counties eligible, this measure would lead to the elimination of 310 of the 312 multi-township assessment districts in Illinois.

- 4. Allow counties to retain their existing form of government following a successful referendum to dissolve townships into the county. Create a new elected county assessor position and office.** Current law allows counties to initiate referendums to dissolve townships into counties and absorb their functions. However, a disincentive exists that forces the county into a commission form of government, capping the number of county board members to 5 who are elected on an at-large basis instead of in equal sized districts.
- 5. Hold taxpayers harmless from township consolidation tax hikes.**

For a county board or citizen initiated township consolidation referendum, the referendum language may contain a new first-year township levy that is calculated using the lowest property tax rate of the consolidating townships from the year immediately preceding the consolidation referendum, but no lower. The current method which combines the existing levies from each township could also be used. The choice is up to those pursuing the consolidation referendum.

Currently, when two or more townships consolidate with different tax levies and rates, taxpayers in one or more townships may see significantly higher property taxes after the consolidation. This creates a significant barrier to township consolidation, because each township's voters must approve the referendum for it to pass.

Example of optional method of determining new proposed tax levy

Township A has a property tax levy of \$1 million and a tax rate of .90 percent and Township B has a property tax levy of \$2 million and a tax rate of 1 percent prior to the consolidation referendum. Using the lower .90 percent rate, the property tax levy for the consolidated township could be set as low as \$2.8 million instead of the automatic \$3 million under current law

DEKALB TOWNSHIP
BOARD 2016 MEETING
DATES

January 13
February 10
March 9
April 12 Annual Meeting 7:00 pm
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 16 *3rd Wednesday
December 14

Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the DeKalb Township offices at 2323 S. Fourth Street, DeKalb IL 60115 unless otherwise noted.

TOWNSHIP OF DEKALB
2016 HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

DATE	HOLIDAY
January 1, 2016	New Year's Day
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 12, 2016	Lincoln's Birthday
February 15, 2016	Washington's Birthday
March 15, 2016	Spring Holiday
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day
July 4, 2016	Independence Day
September 5, 2016	Labor Day
October 10, 2016	Columbus Day
November 11, 2016	Veteran's Day
November 24, 2016	Thanksgiving Day
November 25, 2016	Day following Thanksgiving Day
November 23, 2016	Christmas Eve (Observed)
December 26, 2016	Christmas Day (Observed)