

MINUTES, TOWNSHIP BOARD  
DEKALB, ILLINOIS  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 6:04 p.m. township offices located at 2323 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois. Roll was taken; those present were Supervisor Johnson, Assessor Hietikko, and Trustees Flavin, King, Schweitzer and Teboda; Road Commissioner Smith arrived to the meeting late.

Members of the public present: Jim Luebke

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Johnson.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor Johnson:** Reported that we ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sunshine Report for local governmental entities. He is asking for a re-evaluation sometime this summer. In order for us to place higher in the report we need to post more of our records online in a searchable format going back 5 years. We do have the information available on our website now, but it is only in PDF form. This Saturday is NIU Cares Day and we will have 10 students from the University come to help with general lawn care at Oakwood Cemetery. They will be here from 8:30am until noon and all are welcome to join in the cleanup. Social Services grants went out April 1st and are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Clerk Kunde**

**Road Commissioner Smith:** Apologized for arriving late to the meeting. Then went on to report that the garage floor is being poured today. General spring cleaning is to begin soon; the Township will be using General Assistance clients to help with the cleaning. Commissioner Smith also explained that the City of DeKalb is asking for a \$5,000 bond to insure that we finish the construction on the building upgrade and is being assessed by the Building & Community Services Department. This department delayed our initial building permit and there was no previous discussion regarding a bond needed for construction completion.

**Assessor Hietikko:** Thanked Road Commissioner Smith for all he has had to put up with over the last 4 months with the building construction, he took a lot of heat off of Supervisor Johnson and himself.

**Trustee Teboda:** Reported that she is excited about grant proposals going out.

**Trustee King:** Would like to see the Township include "Equal Opportunity Employer" on our letterhead and would like for us to work with the City of DeKalb to do the same. Trustee King would like us to work more with city, maybe link us together somehow. Per Supervisor Johnson we are being given a seat at the table in city matters and will be working more closely together in the future. Commissioner Smith also report that the Road and Bridge district has a good working relationship with DeKalb's Streets and Sanitation department.

**Trustee Flavin:** Reported that he wanted everyone to know that the NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers) Food Drive is set for May 10th

**Trustee Schweitzer:** None

**Bill Paying:**

A motion to approve the March audit report and April bills to pay was made by Trustee Flavin and seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed.

A motion to approve and file the March Budgetary report was made by Trustee Teboda and seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12th, 2014 by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed.

Per Supervisor Johnson the Township needs to set up a Committee for Grant Review which would need a vote to create a subcommittee of the Township. Creating the subcommittee would mean that all meetings of the board would need to follow OMA (Open Meetings Act) rules and regulations. The date for the committee will be published and anyone will be able to attend. A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson to establish a subcommittee for Grant Review with himself, Trustee Teboda and Trustee King as the committee with Trustee Flavin acting as an alternate. Motion passed.

A motion was made for the Certification of Accounts by Trustee Schweitzer and seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed with Supervisor Johnson abstaining from the vote.

Next Regular Meeting: Will be on May 14th 2014 at 6:00pm in the Township Offices located at 2424 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb.

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Youth will be April 24th, 2014 at 4:30 pm and will return to the Township office building. Supervisor Johnson will remind the committee that meeting will be returning to our building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Schweitzer and seconded by Supervisor Johnson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

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Eric Johnson, Supervisor

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Geralynne Kunde, Clerk