



MINUTES, TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
September 9, 2020

Due to the Governor's order restricting gatherings of 10 or more people, and in an effort to restrict the spread of COVID 19, the Township reserves the right to restrict attendance to the meeting. The Township encouraged anyone who wished to attend the Town Board meeting to do so. Should we be unable to safely accommodate social distancing guidelines, the Township Board reserves the right to adjourn until such time (and place) when social distancing is possible.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Supervisor Teboda at the Township offices located at 2323 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois. Roll call was taken. Those present were: Supervisor Teboda, Highway Commissioner Smith, Assessor Dyer, Trustees Flavin, King and McNett.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Town Hall Public Comments: Mark Charvat voiced his concerns regarding the website and the fact that the agenda and meeting packet for tonight's meeting were not posted until 4 pm today. The trustees are at a disadvantage when needing to discuss and vote on action items at a meeting when the packet is posted so late. Back up material and explanations are not present on the website; salaries need to be transparent. Reducing the role of Supervisor to statutory duties only is not representative of the township's constituents. Do not diminish the roll of Supervisor.

Reports:

Supervisor Teboda: This past month has been interesting, challenging, and educational. She is learning to understand the role of Supervisor. She questioned if having an administrator is beneficial to the township for the short term or into the future. Supervisor Teboda has been meeting with staff and Highway Commissioner Smith. There is unfinished township business that she has concerns about and has contracted Jennifer Jeep Johnson to complete unfinished projects. The decision to contract was discussed and granted at the last meeting. The administrator position is still in discussion.

Clerk Kunde: Nothing

Road Commissioner Smith: Annie Glidden is coming to completion; road striping has been completed. While out on the job our trailer was hit and totaled. All workers and the driver were safe. A new trailer has been purchased at no cost to the township, insurance will be covering the cost. With all the rain, the cemeteries will have to be mowed more often.



Assessor Dyer: Just finished last minute changes before the tax bill publication due on the 24th. There is false information being disseminated on social media regarding tax rates. Tax rates are from levies and the EAV, not from assessments.

Trustee King: Students are back and doing learning online in the dorms and at home. Today was a long day.

Trustee Flavin: Appreciates what Supervisor Teboda is doing for the township. Trustee Flavin also announced that he will not be running next year.

Trustee McNett: Nothing

A motion was made by Trustee Flavin to move Agenda item VI. A. to the end of New Business and was seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed.

Bill Paying:

A motion was made by Trustee King to move the approval of the August audit report and September bills to pay to after new business and was seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

A motion to approve and file the August Treasurer's budgetary report was made by Trustee Flavin and seconded by Trustee McNett. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Teboda: Aye; Trustee King: Aye; Trustee Flavin: Aye and Trustee McNett: Aye. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: Discussion and possible action to appoint, define duties, effective date and set compensation for an interim administrator.

Supervisor Teboda held a meeting with Jennifer Jeep Johnson today. Ms. Johnson agreed to consult on a contractual basis to complete projects left unfinished. Ms. Johnson is to finish some projects within the next month. Supervisor Teboda is proposing holding off on creating an administrator position. We could continue as we are now until the next election. On November 15, 2020 salaries for the township elected officials have to be established.

Trustee Flavin agreed to the contractual arrangement with Ms. Johnson as long the salaries of both she and Supervisor Teboda do not go over the established salary set for Supervisor.

Supervisor Teboda stated that she is not taking the full salary or benefits allotted to the Supervisor position.

Trustee McNett and Trustee King both stated that they support the agreement with Ms. Johnson.

No formal action was taken.



New Business:

Agenda items:

Section VIII. A. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2020. A motion was made by Trustee Flavin and seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed.

Section VIII. B. Discussion and possible action to appoint a trustee.

Supervisor Teboda stated that if a new Trustee is not appointed at tonight's meeting, she would like to set a Special Town meeting before the next regular Town Board meeting.

Those interested in being appointed Township Trustee are: Karen Wilkerson, Jim Luebke, and Mary Hess. The only applicant present at tonight's meeting is Mary Hess.

Clerk Kunde has not had any interaction with any of the candidates. This is needed in case there is a tie vote among the board.

Supervisor Teboda stated that a Special meeting should be set so that all candidates may express their interest and we do not make a decision tonight.

A motion was made by Trustee McNett to set a Special Town meeting for September 23, 2020 at 6 pm to appoint a Trustee, seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

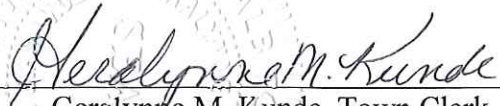
The appointing of a Trustee will be the only item, set on the agenda, for the September 23, 2020 Special meeting.


Section VI. A. A motion to approve the August Audit Report and September bills to pay was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Trustee Flavin. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Teboda: Aye; Trustee King: Aye; Trustee Flavin: Aye and Trustee McNett Aye. Motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting: Will be on October 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Township offices.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldynne Kunde, DeKalb Township Clerk


Geraldynne M. Kunde, Town Clerk


Nancy Teboda, Town Supervisor