

Dundee Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
February 19, 2020

Supervisor Glees called the February Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 PM at the Dundee Township Meeting Room, 611 East Main Street, Suite #201, East Dundee, IL.

**Roll call:** Supervisor Glees, and Trustees Harney, Johnson and Schaffer answered present at the roll call. Trustee Ahrens was absent.

Trustee Harney led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:**

Trustee Schaffer made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Supervisor Glees called the motion and with a voice vote - all present voted “aye” - motion carried.

**Minutes/Treasurer’s Report:**

Trustee Harney made the motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 Board of Trustees regular meeting. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Trustee Schaffer proposed an amendment to the minutes regarding his comment on the Budget Review on page 3, paragraph 3 of the draft minutes. After a brief discussion, Trustee Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the minutes with a second by Trustee Harney. Supervisor Glees called the motion to approve the amendment to the minutes and upon voice vote – all present voted “aye” – motion to amend the minutes is approved. Supervisor Glees then called the motion to approve minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting as amended and upon voice vote – all present voted “aye” – motion carried.

Trustee Harney made the motion to accept the January 31, 2020 Treasurer’s Report and Financial Reports through February 18, 2020 as presented subject to audit – Trustee Schaffer seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all present voted “aye” – motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Highway Commissioner:** Mr. Sinnett reported that the gas line on Kasser Court in Lake Marian has been moved across the road by the gas company. His department is continuing normal operations including plowing the snow and working with controlling the ice on the roadways. He is also currently working on reviewing the permit requests for work on the Longmeadow Parkway between Route 25 & Sandbloom Road.

**Assessor:** Mr. Bielak reported his staff is working on balancing their books with the Kane County records. Also, they are continuing their field work such as reviewing building permits. He reviewed the purchase of a new copier for his office and the concern expressed by the installer that the electrical service may only be a 15 Amp circuit whereas the manufacturer recommends a 20 Amp circuit. Mr. Bielak explained the installation of a new “Panic” button system at his office which will notify police/fire departments if an emergency occurs.

Supervisor Glees asked Mr. Bielak about the hearings regarding the Walgreens properties. Mr. Bielak replied that the hearings went fairly well. Some of the store’s values were increased and other decreased.

**Cemetery:** No report.

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**Open Space:** Mr. Dowiat's written report for February 2020 was presented. Supervisor Glees added that the volunteer/steward's annual herbicide training class was completed the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also reviewed a current issue at the Library Springs site regarding the presence of coyotes and a resident's complaint that the coyotes are feeding on the food the resident puts out for a group of feral cats. Supervisor Glees also noted that she had attended a recent workshop that included information on coyotes. Trustee Johnson added that he had heard that someone was putting poisoned dog food out in the Library Springs site. Supervisor Glees confirmed that this had occurred however, no evidence had been collected to identify who had done this. The Board asked Supervisor Glees to put a link on the Township website with information on coyotes.

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Glees presented her report including information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Say Yes to the Dress" event which offers free prom dresses to high school students in the Township. She also outlined the work she had been doing to promote the 708 Mental Health Board. Trustee Johnson questioned why there had not been any coverage/articles about the 708 Mental Health Board in the newspapers. Supervisor Glees explained that she has contacted the various reporters from the local papers and sent information to them, but no articles have materialized. She reviewed her visits to local groups and that approximately 150 people have been in attendance.

Supervisor Glees discussed the new surveillance cameras that will be installed at the building. The camera will record activity but will not have any active monitoring by an outside agency.

**Chris Kious – Kane County Board:** Mr. Kious reported that the Kane County Board had passed the official toll schedule for the Longmeadow Bridge. He also noted that the Kane County Community Development Board will be distributing funds for homeless services. Finally, he reported that the Kane County Liquor Control Commission will be meeting with representatives from the Milk Pail regarding their request for a new permit.

**Kane County Sheriff:** Kane County Deputy Sheriff Mike Wilgosiewicz presented his monthly update to the Board. He focused on the situation with the ongoing construction on Route 31 especially near Miller Road. He reviewed the high number of accidents in that section of roadway however they reported that IDOT will not modify the lane configuration at this time.

**Carpentersville Case Worker:** Supervisor Glees introduced Meg Krase who is the new caseworker for the Village of Carpentersville Police Department. Ms. Krase highlighted her background as a social worker dealing with violent crime and child abuse cases. She noted she has been bringing residents to the Township's food pantry and clothes closet. She will be focusing on the Village's homeless problem.

**Public Comments:** Supervisor Glees opened the Public Comment period at 7:32 PM.

Mr. Paul Setze of Sleepy Hollow noted that he spoke at the December 2019 Board meeting regarding the budget. He said the Board needs to set priorities. At the January meeting, there was no direct discussion of priorities. At the Board meetings, he has heard it is more important to control weeds than to help homeless people; it is more important to develop trails/signage & open space volunteers than it is to help the homeless & needy. He has heard that Open Space is a priority. He believes that the Township officials should budget for the care of the homeless & poor, not Open Space. If Open Space goes to a zero budget no one goes hungry. The Board needs to explain to residents why additional funds are needed.

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Pat Tilker of East Dundee asked if the new social worker was for all of the Township – Supervisor Glees replied the new social worker was only for Carpentersville residents. Ms. Tilker also asked about the 708 Mental Health Board. Supervisor Glees provided a brief review of the 708 Mental Health Board proposal.

Doris Enders of East Dundee asked about getting more stores such as grocery stores in East Dundee.

No other attendees wished to make a comment and the comment period was closed at 7:41 PM

**New Business:** There was no new business on the Agenda

**Old Business:**

**Review of Budget Documentation for the 2020 – 21 Budget Cycle:** The Board again reviewed the following items regarding the proposed FY 2020-21 Budget:

- a) Version 4 of the proposed budget with the most recent proposed changes.
- b) The line item transfers to & from the Capital Reserve account.
- c) Limitations on the amount of the current reserves that could be used for the upcoming FY's expenditures.

Supervisor Glees reviewed the key functions of the township and the resources needed for each area. She stressed that it was time to go to the electors and seek an increase in the funding for the operational areas of the Township. Alternately, if the electors tell us no, we need to ask them what services they want us to cut.

Trustees Johnson and Schaffer expressed concern that the revised budget had too many modifications since the last meeting and that they had not been afforded adequate time to review the matter and therefore could not vote to approve the budget at this meeting.

The Board discussed the various line item changes from the previous meeting.

Trustee Schaffer noted that the Open Space funds should only be used to pay for Open Space related expenditures. He stated that he believes the Board cannot go to the electors and ask for an increase without making an attempt to cut planned expenditures.

The Board agreed to table further discussion of the budget until the March regular meeting.

**Review/Approval of State of Illinois Grant Money projects:** Trustee Harney requested that the budget be modified to add a trail architect in order to develop concept plans for the trails at the Open Space sites. She would want to submit the concept plan to the State for funding under the Illinois Grant recently allocated to the Township and believes the Township needs to get this item ready to submit as soon as possible. She requested that the Supervisor identify and begin conversations with potential engineering firms to get this project rolling. Trustee Harney also spoke about the possibility of using some of the Grant money to purchase and renovate the current office building.

Trustee Johnson again asked about the search for contractors that could install solar fields at some of the Township sites.

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**Audit/Approve Bills and Payrolls:**

Audit Bills – Pending Town Fund Bills \$51,069.78; Pre-Paid Town Bills \$975.79; Payrolls \$34,904.62 & \$33,334.01; Prior Month's General Assistance Costs \$11,138.01; Pending General Assistance Bills: \$359.46; General Assistance Payrolls - \$585.62 & \$585.62; Pending Cemetery Fund Bills \$6,475.26; Pre-Paid Cemetery Bills \$381.68; Payrolls \$8,547.67 & \$8,118.67; Pending Road & Bridge Fund Bills \$45,004.48; Road & Bridge Bldg. and Equipment Fund Bills \$1,152.58; Pre-Paid Road & Bridge Bills \$1,340.21; Payrolls \$17,885.19 & \$17,571.14; Road IMRF/FICA Payrolls of \$2,894.64 & \$2,821.14.

After a review of the bills, Trustee Harney made the motion to approve the bills as audited with a second by Trustee Johnson.

Supervisor Glee called the motion and upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glee, and Trustees Harney, Schaffer & Johnson voted "aye" – Motion Carried.

**Budget Transfers:** Budget Transfers #11 - 23 were presented. After review, Trustee Schaffer made the motion to approve Budget Transfers #11 - 23 as presented. Trustee Harney seconded the motion. Supervisor Glee called the motion and upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glee, and Trustees Harney, Schaffer & Johnson voted "aye" – Motion Carried.

**Executive Session:**

The Board did not enter Executive Session.

Trustee Johnson made the motion to adjourn with a second by Trustee Harney. Upon voice vote, all present voted "aye" – motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.



Robert Block  
Dundee Township Deputy Clerk