

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUPAGE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

251 Canterbury Lane
Levy Center - Bolingbrook, IL

April 18, 2023
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and lead by Clerk Parker.

ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM: Trustees Braxton, Ransom, Savage, Townsend, and Supervisor Marschke were present via roll call vote, so a quorum was determined.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Braxton and seconded by Trustee Ransom to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote agenda approval passed.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MARCH 21, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Braxton and seconded by Trustee Townsend to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 21, 2023. Upon roll call vote, motion carried to approve the March 21, 2023 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR APRIL 6, 2023 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Braxton to approve the budget hearing minutes from April 6, 2023. Upon roll call vote, motion carried to approve the April 6, 2023 hearing minutes.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 6, 2023 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Savage and seconded by Trustee Braxton to approve the special meeting minutes from April 6, 2023. Upon roll call vote, motion carried to approve the April 6, 2023 special meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The following residents spoke at the meeting:

Qasim Rashid - human rights attorney - speaking on behalf of Reem and hate speech; Pat Ronna - grant, laundry and showers; Suzanna Ibarra - hate speech; Jim Jagodzinski -levy center, budget; Mr. Newell - bills and claims; Vincente Fernandez - Hate speech; Peggy McMillan - apologize for what was said on video; Diane Kloepfer - Resolution 23-07 restrictions - Levy Center; lady in pink jacket - Resource Center; Jackie Randle - sorry for racist comment; Carol

Penning - racist comment; Dave Mackley - hate has no home here; Patty Droogan - racist comment; Sue Harvey - Racist comments and food pantry; Shantina Boyd - racist comment; Sabrina Ray - racist comment; September Skeen - racist comment.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor read an email sent by Mayor Basta and a letter from Representative Avelar. Both are attached.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO BOTH FOOD PANTY VEHICLES:** After some discussion and questions asked and answered, a motion was made by Trustee Savage and seconded by Trustee Braxton to approve the repair to both vehicles in the amount of \$4,874.83. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried.
2. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT GARBAGE HOPPER:** After some discussion and questions asked and answered, a motion was made by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Townsend to approve the replacement of the garbage hopper (\$1,942.81 plus delivery fee of \$285.00). Upon roll call vote, the motion carried.
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 23-07 RULES REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWNSHIP MEETINGS:** After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Townsend to table this item until the May Board Meeting. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.
4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO UPDATED ARCHITECT CONTRACT:** After some discussion and questions asked and answered. A motion was made by Trustee Braxton and seconded by Trustee Savage approve this change. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.
5. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TOOLS FOR SCHOOL ITEMS:** After some discussion, a motion was made to approve up to \$20,196.99 to purchase items for this project. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.
6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR ONE BANQUET EMPLOYEE:** After some discussion and questions asked and answered, a motion was made by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Townsend to approve the

additional pay when needed at an event. Upon roll call vote indicated motion carried.

7. **APPROVAL OF RES 23-17 REPORTING THE DETERMINATION OF THE REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Townsend to approve this resolution Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP BILLS & CLAIMS (for 4/6/2023-4/14/2023)

1. Open Payables		2. Paid Payables	
Town	\$ 584.26	Town	\$ 48,721.07
Banquets	\$ 0	Banquets	\$ 2,311.34
General Assistance	\$ 0	General Assistance	\$ 2,559.40

A motion was made to approve bills and claims by Trustee Savage and seconded by Trustee Braxton. Upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Trustees Braxton, Ransom, Savage, Townsend, and Supervisor Marschke. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND CONTRACTORS

Legal Report - Decennial Committee deadline is fast approaching and should be on your May agenda. The first meeting must take place in June or earlier.

Administrator: Still busy. Fifty-three marriage licenses, 28 passports. Egg Hunt was an enormous success. Busy working on Tools for School and Summer Bridge Program. Wilco - attending open house. Should be about 500 students. Community Garden Information meeting on May 13th. Will County will be paying for the garden. We will grow food for our food pantry.

Levy Center: None

General Assistance: See Attached

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Assessor - See Attached

Clerk - Thank you to Wheatland Township for hosting a diaper drive and donating all supplies received to DuPage Township Food Pantry. Congratulations to all on winning their local election and kudos to all who stepped up to put their name on the ballot. It takes courage. Apologize for the hateful comments that have been made to our Trustee Townsend. If you do not have something nice to say, then be quiet. Annual Meeting advisory referendum was defeated. Resolution 23-16 passed; Resolution 23-13 passed; Resolution 23-14 passed, and Resolution 23-15 passed.

TRUSTEES:

Braxton: Elegant comments said already. Admire Reem's strength and dignity. Sorry, this happened to you. Bingo fundraiser is this Thursday. Thank everyone for coming out and sticking around to talk to us.

Ransom: Sorry to Reem for those hateful comments. \$500 scholarship available for our undergrads from AITCOY. Check out the information on our Flag Contest. We should look into streaming our meetings or do Facebook Live.

Savage: Sorry for the racist comments. For those who want to get rid of the township and Levy Center, we do not respond to your comments. If someone is recording and says something hateful, maybe you do not post it. Stay well.

Townsend: Happy Ed to all who celebrate. Flag Contest has been extended to May 25th. Thank everyone for their support.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Savage to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Parker
Township Clerk

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DAGMARA "DEE" AVELAR
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
85th DISTRICT

DuPage Township Board
April 18, 2023

Good evening members of the Board and public present. I respectfully ask to have the following statement be read at tonight's meeting and have it be part of the record:

I wholeheartedly condemn the hateful and racist remarks directed at Trustee Townsend at last week's DuPage Township Town Hall meeting. Islamophobia and any type of bigotry is unacceptable and should never be tolerated in our community. We live in a country where everyone is free to practice their religion, and the same is true of public officials. Trustee Townsend is a dedicated public servant who is balancing her work while still following her faith's traditions. We must work together to end Islamophobia in our community and make sure everyone is treated with respect and dignity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dagmara Avelar".

Dagmara Avelar
State Representative, 85th District

Garx Marschke

From: Mayor Mary Alexander-Basta <mayormary@bolingbrook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:17 AM
To: Gary Marschke
Subject: Statement

Gary,

Thank you for reading this on my behalf at this evenings meeting.

As the mayor of Bolingbrook, I want to make it clear that religious profiling is unacceptable and has no place in our community. Discriminating against individuals based on their religious beliefs or practices goes against the fundamental values of our society and undermines the inclusivity and diversity that makes our Village great.

We believe in treating all members of our community with respect and dignity, regardless of their religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic.

I urge all members of our community to reject religious profiling and work together to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone. Let us celebrate our differences and find common ground as we strive towards building a better future for our community.

Mayor Mary Alexander-Basta



General Assistance Report

-Vicente Fernandez: General Assistance Administrator

Regular Meeting of Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 18th, 2023

- For the month of March, the General Assistance Office had 13 applications for Emergency Assistance. 4 households were approved for assistance. Two households were assisted with their rent and two others for their IL American Water bill. One household from Wheatland Township had applied for assistance and was approved. The Wheatland Township resident was assisted with their City of Aurora water bill. One household who applied in March still has a pending application. Eight households had their applications denied. The reasons for the denied applications include: not facing a "life-threatening" circumstance, meaning they did not have an eviction order or 5-day notice or shut-off order for their utility, another reason for denials were because the amount the township would pay would not be enough to alleviate the "life-threatening" circumstance, for example, having a past due rent of thousands and thousands of dollars, one applicant withdrew their application, one applicant was from outside the township (and county) and another applicant was non-cooperative in the application process.
- In regards to some of the additional programming through the GAO, one household that was referred by Valley View School District was given two Goodwill Vouchers. Seven households were assisted through the H2O program for help with their IL American Water bill and one household was assisted through the Salvation Army Service Extension program for their rent.
- In March, 65 households came to the office and applied for LIHEAP. Some of those numbers are starting to go up, probably because we're trying to get the word out about the program year ending at the end of May.
- Recently, I have been keeping track of referrals and resources the office has been giving out. For the month of March, approximately 114 referrals were given to residents, either in person or over the phone. The break down is: 41 for LIHEAP, 37 for other resources in the community (not necessarily fitting into one or more categories), 11 referrals for the food pantry, 9 referrals for out of township residents, 8 referrals for the Will County Center for Community Concerns for any non-LIHEAP programs, 4 legal referrals, 3 financial resources were given out and one referral for IDHS.
- Lisa Mendez from Hines VA has been having success with coming to the township to help veterans enroll for benefits. While she's been averaging about four to five veterans each time she comes out, Lisa has stated that compared to other places she does outreach, the township has been where she sees the most veterans. We've been doing a sort of "trial run" at the beginning of the year and since it's been fairly successful, Supervisor Marschke has agreed to have the Hines VA outreach come out regularly on the 2nd Thursday of the month moving forward.
- I recently had a meeting for the advisory committee for the Human Services program at JJC. The program director, Heidi Munsey, mentioned that some Human Services students wanted to get some volunteer experience in social services over the summer and so I forwarded along to Heidi the flier looking for counselors for the Summer Bridge program.
- Lastly, I will be attending Valley View School District's Quarterly Partner meeting tomorrow and I'll also be attending the IL Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers, educational conference that will be going on later this week in Peoria.



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Date: April 18, 2023

To: Gaij Marschke
Township Supervisor

From: Kenneth Harris, CIAO
Township Assessor

Subject: Assessor Monthly Report to Supervisor- April 18, 2023

2023 Exemption Event Dates

On 04/14/2023, The Will County Supervisor of Assessments Office mailed exemption renewal notices to property owners. Property owners received them this week and have started coming into the office for assistance.

In addition, the Will County Supervisor of Assessments Office has published the 2023 Exemption Event Dates. Bolingbrook has one scheduled as follows:

Thursday June 22, 2023
10:00 am-2:00 pm
DuPage Township - Levy Center
251 Canterbury Lane
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Visit our website for the link to all the exemption event dates and locations. If anyone is unable to make it to an event, they may visit their local Township Assessor's Office during their regular business hours or stop by the Supervisor of Assessments Office.

Employee Anniversary

- On April 1, 2023, Tammy Horak, Chief Deputy Assessor, celebrated 35+ years of service with the DuPage Township Office of the Assessor. Tammy was acknowledged at the Illinois Property Assessment Institute 65th Annual Conference held in Bloomington, IL on 03/27/2023.
- On April 18, 2023 (today) Fatima Silva, Deputy Assessor, celebrated 7 years of service with the DuPage Township Office of the Assessor.

Computer Server Upgrade

We recently completed an upgrade of two of our virtual servers. Thanks to the Township Board for your approval.

For more information

DuPage Township property owners are encouraged to reach out to the DuPage Township Assessor if they have questions regarding their assessment. They can call, visit our website (www.dupagetownshipassessor.com), or stop in.