

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

251 Canterbury Lane  
Levy Center-Bolingbrook, IL

**February 20, 2024**  
Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Supervisor Marschke.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and lead by Assessor Harris.

**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 Ransom and seconded by Trustee Savage to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote agenda approval passed.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR January 16, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Savage and seconded by Trustee Townsend to approve the January meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried to approve the January 16, 2024 meeting minutes.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL January 24, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Braxton to approve the January meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried to approve the January 24, 2024 meeting minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments on items on the agenda. Public comments for the Ceasefire Resolution will be made later in the meeting.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Roof on the gazebo needs to be repaired. We received quotes from vendors. Wanted to show you the tiles we are looking at. No vote at this time. I am handing out a draft copy of our 2024/2025 budget. Just go over it so you will have your thoughts/comments when we have our budget meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION 24-03 -**

Supervisor Marschke asked Clerk Parker to read the entire resolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CEASFIRES RESOLUTION 24-03 ONLY:** The following spoke in favor of the ceasefire resolution: Peter Kozak, Katalina Rodriguez, Ellie Dowd, Freya Krerr - spoke in favor of food pantry, Cat Krerr, Sue Harvey grateful for ceasefire resolution and also supports food pantry, Trustee Townsend very grateful for the support and thank you Gary and the Board for putting this resolution forward. Outside of Chicago, we are the second governmental body to approve a ceasefire resolution. The first one was Village of Bolingbrook and we had to put a lot of pressure on them to amend their original resolution. Trustee Braxton - Commend Reem for her hard work and courage on the ceasefire resolution. Trustee Ransom - Agrees with everything that has been said. Proud to be part of it. Trustee Savage - Proud to be part of this. Supervisor Marschke - Reem knows I am a supporter of Israel but this needs to be solved with politics and negotiations.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION 24-03:** A motion was made by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Ransom to approve Resolution 24-03. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AGAIN:** Linda Elis - against food pantry location, Ken Janusky, Illegal immigration in this country, if everyone took some into their homes and showed what this great country is really like. Hannah - if we are going to open our homes, we will need a food pantry; Supervisor's food pantry letter was very powerful. Kat M. - we are all a community. Unless we are Native American, we all come from someplace else. Liz Campbell - against location of food pantry. Friar - supports food pantry location because it is accessible for the people that need it.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FOOD PANTRY PROPOSED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Braxton to approve the proposed food pantry holiday schedule. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF NEW SALT SPREADER:** After some discussion, questions asked and answered, a motion was made by Trustee Savage and seconded by Trustee Ransom to approve the purchase of a new salt spreader. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Ransom to go into Executive Session at 7:59 pm Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Savage to return to February Regular Board meeting at 8:46pm Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

**THERE WERE NO ACTION ITEMS TO APPROVE.**

**APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP BILLS & CLAIMS (for 1/17/2024-2/20/2024)**

Open Payables		Paid Payables	
Town	\$6,562.23	Town	\$60,891.24
Banquets	\$2,681.80	Banquets	\$21,096.75
General Assistance	\$1,125.35	General Assistance	\$29,302.46

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-** Waiting for the response from the Village. We were supposed to receive it on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Still waiting for the response to arrive.

**Administrator:** Busy working on our egg hunt project, Summer Bridge, credit card machine. FOIA's. The pantry is busy taking care of our residents in need.

**Levy Center:** Events continue to be well attended. Celebrated Chinese New Year. Red Hats assisted at the food pantry. Fish Fry on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Linda's mystery trip was well attended. 180 Meals on wheels delivered. Sent residents to the scam seminar at the community center.

**General Assistance:** See Attached Report.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

**Assessor** - See attached.

**Clerk** - Thank you Reem for working with Gary to bring forth the Ceasefire resolution and for the Board approving it. Relay for Life Kickoff will be next Tuesday in this lovely room at 6:00 pm Anyone who wants to find out more information about relay or to join a team, please come. Bolingbrook High School Girls Basketball team won regionals but lost tonight.

### TRUSTEES:

**Trustee Braxton:** Thank you Reem for collaborating with Supervisor on this resolution. Breakfast with the Supervisor was well attended, and Gary asked me to step in. Everyone had an enjoyable time. The remote state of the village luncheon was also well attended. The Black History event at BHS was great. Lockport Township Supervisor spoke very highly of DuPage Township and how well it is run.

**Trustee Ransom:** Thank everyone for coming out tonight. Happy Black History month. The Youth Committee meets this Monday and could use a few new members.

**Trustee Savage:** We do hear what our residents are saying. Thank you for bringing your concerns to us.

**Trustee Townsend:** Senator Rachel Ventura and Representative Dee Avelar did support the Ceasefire Resolution. We do listen to our residents. Come meet with us one-on-one or two to voice any concerns you may have.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Townsend to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Parker  
Township Clerk

# General Assistance Report

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR  
AND BOARD TRUSTEES- Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Vicente Fernandez-General Assistance Administrator

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE CASES

New Applicants	Current Recipients	Applications Closed Out
0	1	2

*Reason for the close out:* One resident did not complete the application process and the other did not seek out suitable employment.

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CASES

Number of Applications	Applications Approved	Applications Denied	Applications Pending
18	13	4	1

*Denial Reasons:* Not facing a "life-threatening" circumstance and not cooperating with the application process

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE BREAK DOWN:

Rental Assistance	IL American Water	Village of Romeoville	Car Repair
4	9	0	0

## OTHER PROGRAMMING:

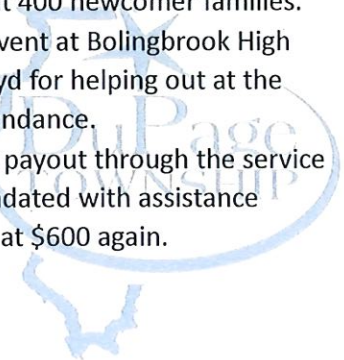
Help to Others (H2O)	Goodwill Vouchers	Homeless ID
4	2	1

## REFERRALS:

IDHS Referral	CSC Referral	Senior Services	LIHEAP
2	1	1	14
WCCC	Out of Township Ref.	Resource Referral	Food Pantry Referral
2	12	3	7

## Other activities through the General Assistance Office:

- Three Wheatland Township residents applied for EA. One household was approved for their rent and the other two were for their Village of Plainfield water bill. There has been an uptick in the number of residents needing assistance from Wheatland Township. I informed Supervisor Crowner of this which he said will be helpful as he looks at the township budget for the next fiscal year.
- Last week, I attended Valley View School District's quarterly community partner meeting. They discussed the "newcomer" students to the district and providing the resources to those families who are new to the area. I spoke with a few of the VVSD reps about the township's availability to help these new families into the area. They advised that I work with each school's family liaison to identify and work with each family which is something I'm already doing. VVSD mentioned that in 2021, there were just under 100 newcomer families and as of December 2023 there were about 400 newcomer families.
- A couple of weeks ago the township had a table at the Black History Month event at Bolingbrook High School. Thank you to Assessor Harris, Trustee Braxton and Chair Shantina Boyd for helping out at the table. Supervisor Marschke and other elected officials were also there in attendance.
- Last month I reported that the Salvation Army was increasing their maximum payout through the service extension program to \$900. Unfortunately, the Salvation Army has been inundated with assistance applications that, for the time being, they are capping the maximum amount at \$600 again.



- Last week I held a mini-training for Supervisor Zapian and his assistant from Lockport Township on the process of how I do GA and utilizing VisualGA as a tool. I've also been helping Supervisor Lisa at Greenwood Township in her attempts to revamp her GA program.
- Lastly, as many of you may have heard, earlier this month IL American Water had requested a rate increase with the Illinois Commerce Commission. The Citizens Utility Board has expressed its opposition to the rate increase and has started an online petition to fight the rate increase. There is also a form online from the ICC for residents to express how they feel about the rate increase. If the rate increase is approved, it won't go into effect until 2025 and residents will see an average increase of \$29 in their utility bill.



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**Date:** February 20, 2024

**To:** Gary Marschke  
Township Supervisor

*Kenneth Harris*

**From:** Kenneth Harris, CIAO  
Township Assessor

**Subject:** Assessor Monthly Report to Supervisor – February 2024

**General Homestead Exemption (GHE)**

The General Homestead Exemption (GHE) February 2, 2024.

**Will County Summer Internship Employers**

My office hopes to be participating in this program. This program is for high school students. All applications were due on February 16, 2024. The Will County Center for Economic Development (CED) announced that they received over 330 applications.

CED staff is working to organize all applications in order to disburse to employers by Friday, February 23, 2024.