

## GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP

### February 13, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Don Murday with Pledge of Allegiance
2. Pastor Dave Feddes leads meeting in prayer.
3. Roll Call by Clerk, Crissy Kraft: Present were Trustees Dietz, Kovar, Newton, Wagner, Supervisor Murday, Highway Commissioner Hilliard, and Clerk Kraft. Assessor Bushong absent.
4. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2023, regular Monthly Meeting prepared by Clerk Crissy Kraft. Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to accept the minutes as prepared by Clerk Kraft Motion made by Trustee Dietz and seconded by Trustee Kovar. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.
5. Approval of Township Financial report, Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to approve the Township Financial report as reviewed by the Trustees prior to the meeting start time. Motion made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Newton. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.
6. *Public Comments*
  - \* Resident Charmain Marroquin - Wanted to know Green Gardens position on the 73 Acre, I-57 Corporate Park on the Northeast corner of Harlem and Stuekel Road that Frankfort is building.
  - \* Resident Rich Black - Questioned where his house fits into the community. Also had concerns about a truck depot on LaGrange Road.
  - \* Resident Nina Demma - Wanted to know if there were any plans to put signs/blinking stop signs at the curve on Center Road and Steger Road.
7. *Planning Commission*

Map Amendment A1-I-1 and Special Use Permit for a truck terminal - ZC-22-045. Applicant was not in attendance. Jim Wayman, Chair of the Planning Commission, discussed the outcome of the meeting in which the applicant was looking to put in a driveway and asphalt parking lot to park 20 trucks. The Commission deemed it a safety issue as there is hill on both sides and said to only be one employee. The vote was all opposed with a few public comments. Supervisor Murday entertains a motion to adopt the findings of the Planning Commission's decision and deny the application for Map Amendment and Special Use Permit for case CZ-22-045. Motion made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Newton. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.
8. *Cemetery Report*

Heidi Christofilos updated that she and Russ visited four of the five cemeteries for safety issues and got proposals for three of the four, and would like to move forward with two of them. They would like the board to vote on approving the proposals for Green Garden Green View and Union cemeteries. Heidi also updated about the damage at Union Cemetery that Ron Wagner will be designing a new sign to replace the damaged one. On April 1st Bob Wilcox's Boy Scout Troop with be coming out to help with cleaning up Union Cemetery with a rain date of April 15th. The Committee met and are looking to form some type of friends for Union Cemetery to help take care of the cemetery.
9. *Road Commissioner's Report* by Commissioner Jim Hilliard
  - \* *Past Operations* – Stocked salt shed, with not having used much, the Road District is looking to be under budget on that aspect. Speed survey on Stuenkel Road, by County, that is to be posted at 50mph, the current sign is 35mph. Now will go around township and figure out if any other signs are incorrect. Tree trimming and cutting back trees. Clear out easements. Pothole repairs. Replaced track machine.
  - \* *Present Operations* –Working on gravel roads, hauling gravel in. Roads are fragile, frost laws, 5 ton weight limits, so asked residents if they see tractor trailers on these roads to call the sheriff's office. Cut gravel road shoulders. Going through road district ordinances.

\* *Future Operations* – Scheer Road Bridge, North of Offer Road.

Commissioner Hilliard addressed Center Road from public comments in which he said to reach out to the Will County Department of Transportation.

**10.** *Assessor's Report* by Jane Bushong was not in attendance.

**11.** *Trustee's Report - Trustee Dietz, Trustee Kovar Trustee Newton, Trustee Wagner*

\* Trustee Dietz reported about Jerusalem Farms with the first complaint to the County in March of 2022. He also talked briefly about Parker Concrete and the County's involvement.

\* Trustee Kovar reported on Will Ride will 3 or 4 current residents signed up for the services.

\* Trustee Wagner addressed working on methods and procedures and starting the budget process.

Trustee Wagner and Supervisor Murday discussed the moving one line item to another to cover the payroll taxes.

\* Trustee Newton reported on town hall renovations currently paused awaiting grants and possibly more grants. Supervisor Murday clarified that Anthony DeLuca's office contacted the township and indicated there were funds allocated to Green Garden Township from the capital bill, about \$25,000. The consultant said there is also \$39,146. earmarked for Green Garden from Rebuild Illinois Bond Grant Installment. There is also an Infrastructure Grant with money available for both the township and road district.

**12.** *Supervisor's Report* by Supervisor Don Murday

Supervisor Murday addressed the General Assistance Fund that currently has \$38,000. and will be attending a training session to help understand what the monies can be used for.

**13.** *New Business* - No new business

**14.** *Old Business* - No old business

**15.** Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. with a motion by Trustee Kovar and seconded by Trustee Dietz. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried. The next Board meeting to be held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Crissy Kraft, Clerk for Green Garden Township