

## **GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP**

### **March 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 was not present.
3. Roll Call by Clerk, Crissy Kraft: Present were Trustees Dietz, Kovar, Wagner, Supervisor Murday, Assessor Bushong, and Clerk Kraft. Trustee Newton and Highway Commissioner Hilliard were absent.
4. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 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 Kovar and seconded by Trustee Dietz. 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 Dietz. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.
6. *Public Comments*
  - \* Resident Belinda Olszewski - Raised concerns over minutes being changed and the process of changing them and concerns over unanswered emails.
  - \* Resident Buddy Schultz - Raised concerns over nothing being done, and pot holes not getting fixed/roads not getting repaired.
7. *Planning Commission* - Jim Wayman reported on two pending matters, one is a person looking to take some Agricultural land and make two E-1's and for the other one we are still waiting on information on property North of Manhattan-Monee Road on Route 45.
8. *Cemetery Report* - Heidi Christofilos thanked whomever came out and cleaned up the debris from the accident at Union Cemetery. Heidi also said Ron Wagner is still working on replacement sign for Union Cemetery.
9. *Road Commissioner's Report* by Commissioner Jim Hilliard - No report due to his absence - Full report will be posted on the website.
10. *Assessor's Report* by Assessor Bushong - Highlighted some changes from the end of last year, slow but steady increase on senior exemptions, another increase on senior freezes, increases with disabled Veteran households, and increase on disabled persons households proving their are needs for the Township. There are parcel property changes as well, there has been a slow but steady decrease in farmland and vacant residential lots, yet a very steady increase in residential homes being built. Sales between 2019-2021 (still entering 2022) there were 334 sales with a value of over 281 million. Assessor Bushong noted a change in the industry with Fannie Mae that no longer requires a licensed Illinois appraiser for actual home values and are using desktop appraisals, using a variety of source to gather information to make a determination of what homes are worth and wanted the residents to be aware. 2023 Will County exemption event flyers are available at Town Hall and Jane encourages passing along the information to anyone in need. Events closet to Green Garden Township are Village of Monee, May 5th., Frankfort Township, May 31st., and Manhattan Township on June 2nd. This is a quad year to equalize all neighborhoods, and now working on six major subdivisions. Assessor Bushong met with the new financial director of Peotone 207U reviewing township assessments, goals, challenges, and the backlog of construction.
11. *Trustee's Report* - Trustee Dietz, Trustee Kovar, Trustee Newton, Trustee Wagner
  - \* Trustee Dietz reported about Parker Concrete and a conversation where Mr. Parker said he washes out the trucks on site, not on his property and only washes the outside of the trucks on his property. On March 2nd Trustee Dietz and Supervisor Murday met with the Village of Frankfort to see plans for the Harlem and Stuenkel Road where the applicant would need water and sewer. There were plans and proposals, copies were not available. Lawyers are actively working on

Palomino Trace, Phase 2. They are wanting to do 37 homes but there are flood plains, the property has a pre-annexation agreement with Frankfort. Trustee Dietz attended the Village of Monee meeting and spoke with Trustee on Economic Development about widening Ridgeland Avenue to 3 lanes but assured that there would not be a truck Lane, only access to the warehouses.

\* Trustee Kovar reported on Will Ride and no other applicants at this time and asked about the cemeteries email sent out. Supervisor Murday mentioned loosening the reigns on Will Ride from just medical to other services to residents over 60 in the future.

\* Trustee Wagner addressed the budget and if anyone had concerns and would send out where the budget process is, numbers part, possibly after meeting. Trustee Wagner addressed resident Belinda Olszewski's public comment on the minutes correction of a residents name, and was corrected with a footnote of the correct name.

**12. *Supervisor's Report*** by Supervisor Don Murday - Supervisor Murday reported on applications that both the Road District and the Township submitted for grants through ARPA, geared towards infrastructure, with help from the volunteer consultants, for the maximum amounts of \$500,000. Dollars for each taxing body. For the Road District to re-do a lot of things there and Town hall the parking lot repairs/extension. Supervisor Murday addressed the newsletter which will go out early next week to the residents of Green Garden with hopes of distributing semi-annual. Supervisor Murday also let the residents know that the police blotter is now live on the website and about the Governor's new law last year that requires local municipalities to conduct self-review which the Township attorney drafted an ordinance. Supervisor Murday will bring to the board at the next meeting. There was also a printer purchased for Town hall to be used by Trustees or elected officials. Supervisor Murday addressed the cemetery quotes and the attorney advised against being involved since the township does not own the properties and could be a liability, this was discussed with the cemetery committee.

**13. *New Business*** - Vote to approve the 2023 Annual Township Meeting Agenda. Supervisor Murday entertains a motion to approve the agenda as set forth. Motion made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Kovar. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

*Old Business* - No old business

**15.** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 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, April 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Crissy Kraft, Clerk for Green Garden Township