

GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP

June 12, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Don Murday with Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call by Clerk, Crissy Kraft: Present were Trustees Dietz, Kovar, Newton, Wagner, Assessor Bushong, Highway Commissioner Hilliard, Supervisor Murday, and Clerk Kraft.
3. Approval of Minutes from May 12, 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.
4. 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.
5. **Public Comments**
 - * Resident Belinda Olszewski - Questioned the March 13, 2023 minutes where Supervisor Murday reported applying for \$ 500,000 for each taxing body for ARPA award and \$58,312 for HVAC and septic, she wanted to know of any updates. Olszewski also asked about the \$38,000 Fund to help residents and criteria of the program and who attended the mandatory meeting on the 7th and 8th for the \$58,000 grant.
6. **Planning Commission** - Supervisor Murday said there is nothing being heard this month and noted that the Jerusalem Farms application for TUP that was turned down by both the Green Garden Planning Commission and the Green Garden Town Board was approved by Will County with a list of conditions and would be posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall. Supervisor Murday also noted the TUP is only valid June 28 and June 29 from 7am to 3pm.
7. **Cemetery Report** - Supervisor Murday received an email from Heidi Christofilos that she was out of state and Resident Buddy Schultz gave the cemetery report. The cemetery was cleaned up very well before Memorial Day thanks to Jim, Road Commissioner, and the lawn cut man. Someone donated a bunch of little flags, about 80 were put up along the road and two bigger flags. Schultz talked about the ceremony that took place at Union Cemetery on Memorial Day by the 100th Illinois Infantry Company K Reenactors.
8. **Road Commissioner's Report** by Commissioner Hilliard
 - * *Past Operations* – Three culvert replacements, bid openings for paving and the numbers are cheaper this year.
 - * *Present Operations* – Widening Scheer Road from Offner to Pauling, spray patching tar and chip roads and patching up, two culvert replacements on Oak River Drive, cleaning up ditches, mowing, changed up mowing program to preserve Wildflowers, and working on Decennial report.
 - * *Future Operations* – Scheer Road Bridge, North of Offer Road. Box culvert on Dralle Road needs replacing.
9. **Assessor's Report** by Assessor Bushong - Wrapping up exemptions events, over the last year new home construction totaled 46, other Will County townships had less than five, miscellaneous construction, additions, remodels, pole buildings, decks, patios, in-ground pools, detached garages, so forth, totaled 40. Bushong explained the lengthy process of data entry, reports, and field work required for new construction. Accuracy is key to entering data. Bushong works with residents with soft appeals to help residents appeal their assessment values but due to increased home values and lack of resources they are being forced to discontinue offering soft appeals between January and June of 2024. Residents can still file a formal Board of Review appeal using the County's Board of Review process. The assessors 2023 budget submitted in January, is being voted on this evening. The delay has created many additional challenges that Bushong submitted the report to

each of the Trustees. Bushong asked that her budget not be submitted until March or April to have more accurate reports. Conversations commenced between the Trustees, Supervisor, and Bushong.

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

* Trustee Dietz had nothing to report.

* Trustee Kovar reported he attended the zoom meeting with the Will Ride report and will post on the board at Town Hall.

* Trustee Wagner noted the limiting rate for 2022 is .1288 addressing resident Olszewski's public comment.

* Trustee Newton spoke on the grants received for the Township and the amounts and what they will be used for and upcoming meetings to finalize details and get as much information as they can. Newton will update at the July meeting.

11. Supervisor's Report by Supervisor Don Murday - Supervisor Murday thanked the Trustees for all their efforts. Murday spoke on the grants and addressed General Fund and the obstacles of it and if the need is there. Trustee Dietz said he noticed in the bills there was a \$405 dollar addition to the General Assistance. Supervisor Murday explained it's the first payment from the property taxes for this new fiscal year. Trustee Wagner explained it comes from the levy and not the budget. Supervisor Murday addressed concerns over residents they may be in need of the General Fund and said to have them reach out to him directly.

12. New Business -

* Vote on Composition of Decennial Committee for the Township and Road District. Supervisor Murday entertains a motion to approve the Composition of the Decennial Committee for the Township and the Road District. Motion made by Trustee Newton and seconded by Trustee Dietz. All in favor with Aye, motion carries unanimously.

* Vote on the approval of the Road District Budget. Supervisor Murday asks for a motion to approve the Road District Budget. Motion made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Dietz. Roll call vote taken: 5 Aye (Trustee Wagner, Trustee Dietz, Trustee Newton, Trustee Kovar, and Supervisor Murday), motion carries unanimously.

* Vote on the approval of the Township Budget with amendments. Supervisor Murday asks for a motion to approve the Township Budget with amendments. Motion made by Trustee Newton and seconded by Trustee Wagner. Roll call vote taken: 3 Aye (Trustee Newton, Trustee Wagner, Supervisor Murday), 2 Nay (Trustee Dietz, Trustee Kovar) Motion carries 3 to 2.

Old Business - No old business

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 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, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Crissy Kraft, Clerk for Green Garden Township