

GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP

July 10, 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 not present.
4. Approval of minutes from June 12, 2023, Township budget meeting prepared by Clerk, Crissy Kraft. Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to accept the Township budget hearing minutes, motion made by Trustee Newton and seconded by Trustee Dietz. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.
 - * Approval of the minutes from the June 12, 2023, Road District budget hearing minutes as prepared by Clerk Kraft. Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to accept the Road District budget hearing minutes, motion made by Trustee Newton and seconded by Trustee Dietz. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.
 - * Approval of Minutes from June 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 Wagner and seconded by Trustee Newton. 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 Belinda Olszewski - Looking for an update on Town Hall committee information.
7. *Planning Commission* - Supervisor Murday noted there were no matters up in July and none set for August. Supervisor Murday is working with township attorney to establish an ordinance to formally establish the Planning Commission, as it is also part of the Decennial.
8. *Cemetery Report* - Heidi Christofilos noted that the upcoming Saturday morning at Twinning Cemetery at 7am, she would be out there weed whacking if anyone wanted to join.
9. *Road Commissioner's Report* by Commissioner Hilliard
 - * *Past Operations* – Iroquois paving was awarded paving contract for Saddle Ridge and Valley Farm subdivisions for resurfacing. Grays materials was awarded seal coating for 5.9 miles of road, Pauling Road from 80th Ave to Center Road, Bruns Road from 88th to 80th and 104th to Wildgrass Turn, and 104th Ave. from Pauling Road to .05-mile North of Manhattan Monee Road. The Road District became an approved testing site for CDL drivers which will help younger adults and should be up and running within the next month. House bill 4251 passed to allow spending up to \$ 30,000.
 - * *Present Operations* – Widening Sheer Road, maintaining township roads, spray patch, culvert replacements, ditch cleaning, mowing ditches, trimming back corn, cleaning up from storms, and working on decennial report
 - * *Future Operations* – Scheer Road Bridge, North of Offer Road, turned in qualification base selections by ten engineering firms, replace box culvert on Dralle Road, West of Center Road, and attend Road Commissioner's state meeting in August.
10. *Assessor's Report* by Trustee Dietz - In June the township assessor assessment level was closed, working on new construction field and office work, continuing required education attending a three day board of review class in Springfield in June, and attended monthly Will County assessor meeting. Home market update, home sales are once again getting more than asking price due to lower inventory of homes.
11. *Trustee's Report* - Trustee Dietz, Trustee Kovar, Trustee Newton, Trustee Wagner

* Trustee Dietz mentioned a Federal Clean water lawsuit against a Green Garden Township business by residents and a major subdivision. He also met with Hani Siam from Jerusalem Farm about Facebook comments/posts of blood and stuff and Hani said he complied with all the requirements. The conversation carried on between the board and residents. They are waiting to hear back from Will County to verify all the inspections. There was a pre-application for 24146 88th Avenue to build a house on a property that already has a house.

* Trustee Kovar nothing to report.

* Trustee Wagner nothing to report.

* Trustee Newton, Supervisor Murday explained the matter of town hall renovations and the monies that were awarded to the township and all the matters and constraints presently. He explained the company that is heading up the grant process and the obstacles they are working through. They will keep the residents updated at the monthly meetings and hopes to have the firm do a presentation for the residents in the near future with Township attorney present to answer any questions.

12. *Supervisor's Report* by Supervisor Don Murday - Supervisor Murday reported what he needed to say in Trustee Newton's report. He reported working with issues from Jerusalem Farms, grant money for renovations, and the Decennial Committee. He will also work on an ordinance to establish the Planning Committee and begin working on the Fall newsletter.

13. *New Business* - No new business

14. *Old Business* - No old business

15. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. with a motion by Trustee Kovar and seconded by Trustee Newton. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried. The next Board meeting to be held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Crissy Kraft, Clerk for Green Garden Township