

## GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP

### September 11, 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 August 14, 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, as reviewed by the Trustees prior to the meeting start time. Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to approve the Township Financial report, motion made by Trustee Newton and seconded by Trustee Wagner. 3 Aye, 2 Nays, Trustee Dietz and Trustee Kovar, motion carried.
6. *Public Comments*
  - \* Resident Buddy Schultz brought up concerns about a hole in the road East of the golf course.
  - \* Resident Belinda Olszewski wanted updates on the Town Hall Committee and grant monies.
7. *Planning Commission* - Supervisor Murday thanked the Planning Committee for their efforts at the previous meeting. He also addressed the personal attacks and threats that occurred at the meeting and the negative impacts it could have for the township in the future. Supervisor Murday discussed the rodeo not moving forward this year but possibly next year and the application was for this year and the application would need to be renewed with the new dates. Planning Committee Chair Mark Sarkisian mentioned the Rodeo applicants were working on a safety plan for emergency vehicles and would be withdrawing their application. Supervisor Murday called for a motion to adopt the findings of the Planning Commission who voted against the TUP-23-003. Supervisor Murday calls for a motion to adopt the denial of TUP-23-003. Trustee Dietz makes the motion, Trustee Newton seconds the motion, all in favor with Aye, motion carries unanimously.
8. *Road Commissioner's Report* by Commissioner Hilliard
  - \* *Past Operations* – Issued 14 new home construction bonds for the year, following roads were chipped and sealed, Pauling from 80th Avenue to Center Road, Bruns Road to from 88th Avenue to 80th Avenue, 104th Avenue to Wildgrass Turn, and 104th Avenue from Pauling Road to about half mile North of Manhattan Monee Road. Valley Farm and Saddle Ridge were ground down and repaved. He repurposed the grindings from those roads and added them to Sheer Road. Commissioner Hilliard thanked Trustee Newton for help with the engineering company process for Sheer Road Bridge, they are close to having a engineer for the project. They added and replaced some street signs.
  - \* *Present Operations* – Widening Sheer Road (have one tenths of a mile left for completion), spray patching, culvert replacements, starting to over coat culverts with blacktop, streetlight repairs, finishing up ditches, and meet with County for next year's motor fuel tax money.
  - \* *Future Operations* – Scheer Road Bridge and box culvert on Dralle Road. He addressed the hole in the road and said they have no problems patching holes
  - \* Supervisor Murday asked Road Commissioner Hilliard about the trees on 88th owned by the golf course. Hilliard said he is aware of the trees but cannot go on private property and Supervisor Murday said he would reach out to County about a dead tree ordinance and reach out to the Country Club.
9. *Assessor's Report* by Trustee Dietz - The report stated the resident response to the quadrennial increased 10.42%, with hundreds of inquires received that take a considerable amount of time. The

Assessor has been working 7 days a week since August. Additionally, the Board of Review Appeals are coming in at a far greater rate than past years.

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

\* Trustee Dietz addressed complaints about capacity of the building and met with Frankfort Fire Department in which they measured the building and said capacity with chairs only is 150, but with table and chairs recommends 90 people. He is making recommendations for lighting exits. Trustee Dietz spoke with Patel and discussed the plans they brought forward and that in the future they won't come back to Green Garden.

\* Trustee Kovar nothing to report.

\* Trustee Wagner had to leave early due to an emergency.

\* Trustee Newton got re-certified for next year for FOIA and met with Commissioner Hilliard at Will County Department of Transportation and was very informative. She also questioned what happened at the Planning and Zoning meeting.

**11. Supervisor's Report** by Supervisor Don Murday - Supervisor Murday explained the audit from IMRF, that everything came out clean and the township is currently having an audit performed that will be filed with the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office and posted on the township website. Supervisor Murday started working on a fall/winter newsletter and would like to have information on the planning committee, the levy process, and local ordinances/statues. He is also working on the Decennial Committee in the coming months. Supervisor Murday talked about the SAMS registration with the Federal Government to receive grant monies which needs to be registered every year.

**12. New Business** - Supervisor Murday introduced the consultant and representative/owner from TRIA Architecture company. Ragan Pattison is the consultant with Harbour Contractors, Inc. and introduced herself to the board/residents and gave a little history about herself. She has an extensive background in service within Will County and works hard to find grant money to help out the community. Her efforts have been extensive in the township receiving the grant monies to renovate town-hall. Jim Petrakos has been with TRIA for 30 years and explained the advantage's of having a survey company survey the land, it goes above and beyond what JULIE locates provide to eliminate issues with contractors later in the project.

\* Vote on TRIA Architecture proposal. Supervisor Murday asks for a motion to approve the Proposal from TRIA to start town-hall survey. Motion made by Trustee Newton and seconded by Trustee Dietz. All in favor with Aye, motion carries unanimously.

**13. Old Business** - Supervisor Murday touched base on the trees along 88th Ave from the previous meeting and spoke with the General Manager at the Country Club and is more than willing to help and get involved with the township and be a good resident and are on top of the matter.

**14.** Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. with a motion by Trustee Dietz and seconded by Trustee Kovar. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried. The next Board meeting to be held on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Crissy Kraft, Clerk for Green Garden Township