

GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP

December 11, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor Murday.
2. Opening prayer by Pastor Dave Feddes
3. Roll Call by Clerk, Crissy Kraft: Present were Supervisor Murday, Trustees Dietz, Kovar, Newton, Wagner, Assessor Bushong, and Clerk Kraft. Highway Commissioner Hilliard absent.
4. Approval of Minutes from November 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 Dietz and seconded by Trustee Wagner. 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 Wagner and seconded by Trustee Newton. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.
6. *Public Comments*
 - * Resident Belinda Olsyewski asked for amounts of the financial reports and exact expenditures.
 - * Resident Carol Lincoln questioned the website not being up to date with planning commission dates and the lights being on when there are no cars present.
 - * Supervisor Murday said we would do better keeping website up to date and that Homeowners associations use Town Hall and maybe the lights don't get turned off but he did come by and turn out the lights.
 - * Resident Scott Bettenhausen tendered the payment to the Township for land his family farms that the Township owns.
7. *Introduction of General Manager of Green Garden County Club* - Mr. Vay could not attend and will attend in January, he wants to address the trees on 88th Ave. and plans for the Country Club.
8. *Planning Commission* - Planning Chair Mark Sarkisian was unable to attend but Supervisor Murday updated the residents. Stuenkel Road Solar farm owned by Surya was voted down for by the full board at Will County but they also have a proposal for Kuse Road. Many resident spoke against Kuse SUP and the Township wrote a letter objecting that they were proceeding with the County with out going before Green Garden Township. Frankfort passed a resolution formally objecting Kuse and Green Garden will also vote on a objection resolution later in the meeting. Another company named Turning Point is also proposing a solar farm closer to the Lagrange Road corridor.
9. *Road Commissioner's Report* - Commissioner Hilliard was not in attendance but asked Supervisor Murday to thank the community for the over 200 care packages that were put together for the USS D G Camrey, the ship involved in the Suez Canal area. Trustee Wagner made note that a month ago the US Navy ship shot down missiles going to Israel, it was that ship that shot them down.
10. *Assessor's Report* - Waiting for final board of review numbers, planning for upcoming 2024 assessment year, which includes new policies and procedures established by the State of Illinois and County. The quadrennial appeal season broke several records in regards to volume of received inquires, appeals, sales, and significant increases in assessment values. In 2023 total assessed values were approximately 240 million, in 2001 they were only 69 million, which represents a 244% increase. In 2023 the total amount of parcels was 2322, in 2001 there were 1356, which represents a 71% increase in parcels. Comparing 2023 to 2019 there was a 32% increase in assessed values, yet only 2% increase in additional parcels, meaning the township assessed values have substantially increased even though the number of parcels has not grown.
10. *Trustee's Report* - Trustee Dietz, Trustee Kovar, Trustee Newton, Trustee Wagner
11. *Supervisor's Report* by Supervisor Don Murday - Supervisor Murday reported driving by 88th and Stuenkel Road an accident and with all the accidents lately that flashing red lights on signs could help. He is looking into funding to receive the lights and the Road District would affix them to the

signs. He also spoke on the completed assessment of Town Hall that is also on the website. He also explained the process of the bills being paid for the renovations and that the bills get submitted to the County and the money is received and the bill gets paid.

12. *New Business* -

* Vote on Green Garden Township Levy, Supervisor Murday asked if the Trustees had any other questions, hearing none, Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to adopt the Annual Tax Levy for the Township, Ordinance TF-2023-02. Trustee Wagner makes the motion, seconded by Trustee Newton. Roll call vote taken: 3 Aye (Trustee Wagner, Trustee Newton, Supervisor Murday) 2 Nay (Trustee Dietz, Trustee Kovar) Motion carries 3 to 2.

* Vote on Green Garden Road District Levy, Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to adopt the Annual Tax Levy for the Road District, Ordinance RB-2023-02. Trustee Wagner makes the motion, seconded by Trustee Newton. Roll call vote taken: 5 Aye (Trustee Wagner, Trustee Newton, Trustee Dietz, Trustee Kovar, Supervisor Murday) Motion carries unanimously.

*Vote on Pekron Consulting contract, Supervisor Murday asked if the Trustees had any other questions, Trustee Newton asked to confirm the amount. Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to execute the Pekron Contract. Trustee Dietz makes the motion, seconded by Trustee Kovar. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

* Vote on Resolution regarding MegaPlant Kuse, LLC., Supervisor Murday entertained a motion to adopt the resolution that signifies opposition to the SUP application. Trustee Dietz makes the motion, seconded by Trustee Kovar. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

13. NO old business, Supervisor Murday wished everyone a healthy, and Happy Holiday.

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. with a motion by Trustee Newton and seconded by Trustee Kovar. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried. The next Board meeting to be held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Crissy Kraft, Clerk for Green Garden Township