

(COUNTY OF MACON)  
(TOWN OF DECATUR)  
(STATE OF ILLINOIS)

October 6, 2022

The meeting of the Town Board of Trustees in and for the Town of Decatur, County of Macon, State of Illinois, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Lisa Stanley, in the Decatur Township Community Room, Upper Level, at the Decatur Township Office Building, 1620 S. Taylorville Rd., Decatur, Illinois upon the request of the Town Board of Trustees , this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2022, forty-eight hours' notice have been given to each member of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Michael Smith	absent
Trustee John Funk	present
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	present
Trustee Devon Joyner	present
Supervisor Lisa Stanley	present

Also, present, Attorney, Greg Moredock, Assessor, Vicki Sheets, , and members of the public.

Clerk Owens reports no one signed in for public comments.

**Approval of September 1, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor Stanley asks for a motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes of September 1, 2022. Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the Minutes and Trustee Funk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	absent
Trustee John Funk	yes
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Lisa Stanley	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Board Minutes are approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Stanley asks for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Funk made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of **\$109,503.34** and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

<u>General Town Fund</u>	<u>\$ 74,633.29</u>
<u>Cemetery Reconstruction Fund</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Cemetery Fund</u>	<u>\$ 24,314.75</u>
<u>Road &amp; Bridge</u>	<u>\$ 46.88</u>
<u>Liability Fund (TOIRMA)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>General Assistance Administration Fund</u>	<u>\$ 7,524.42</u>
<u>General Assistance Program Fund</u>	<u>\$ 2,984.00</u>

Trustee Michael Smith	absent
Trustee John Funk	yes
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Lisa Stanley	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the **Treasurer's Report** in the amount of **\$109,503.34** is approved.

**Approval of July 2022 Audit:** Stanley asks for a motion to approve July's Audit. Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve July's Audit and Trustee Funk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	absent
Trustee John Funk	yes
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Lisa Stanley	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and Julys Audit is approved.

**Old Business:** Discussion and approval of Cemetery Trustees credit card. Stanley states this item have been on the agenda several times and now it is time to decide whether to allow the Cemetery Board to be added to the town's credit card. Trustee Funk asks if this will be a new separate card? Stanley answered no, the cemetery Trustees will be added to the town's credit card. Trustee Joyner made the motion to allow the Cemetery Board to be added to the town's credit card and Trustee Thaxton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	absent
Trustee John Funk	yes
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Lisa Stanley	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and

**Trustee Smith entered the Board meeting at 6:07 p.m.**

**New Business: Discussion and approve Decatur Township 2022 Tax Levy estimate.** Attorney Maddock states each year the town must pass a tax Levy consisting of the money to be received in 2023 from taxes. Traditionally Decatur Township have kept the levy flat. Therefore, if there is no increase, there will not be a need for a public hearing. However, the decision is up to the board. Trustee Thaxton made the motion to keep the Town's Tax Levy flat and Trustee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee John Funk	yes
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Lisa Stanley	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes to keep the Tax Levy flat for 2022 are approved.

**Discussion and action on Land of Lincoln Legal Aid and Decatur Township advertising sign service:**

Attorney Susan Zielke from Land of Lincoln Legal Aid reports, Land of Lincoln is grateful for Decatur Township providing the space to serve the people of Macon County. Therefore, the Decatur office would like to purchase a sign to place in the front of the building to help people identify the Land of Lincoln Legal Aid Office is in this location. Sheets and Stanley states they have had conversations about purchasing a sign for the Town's Building. Therefore, this project

could work well for both town and Land of Lincoln. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid will pay for their portion of the sign if agreeable states Stanley. Further, the board needs to make a motion to approve Land of Lincoln Legal Aid to have a sign place in the front of the Decatur Township Office Building at 1620 South Taylorville Road identifying the location, at a cost to them. Trustee made the motion to approve Land of Lincoln Legal Aid request to have a sign in front of the building and Trustee Thaxton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith                    yes  
Trustee John Funk                        yes  
Trustee Derrick Thaxton                yes  
Trustee Devon Joyner                    yes  
Supervisor Lisa Stanley                yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes to grant permission to Land of Lincoln Legal Aid to have signage in the front of the town’s Building at 1620 South Taylorville Road at their cost.

**Reports:**

**Cemetery Report:** Town Trustee Funk reports the Cemetery Trustees are working on installing Culverts at Greenwood Cemetery.

**Assessor Report:** Assessor Vicki Sheets reports all is going well in the Assessor’s office. Staff are out in the field working on the 2023 Quadrennial. Macon County should publish the tax rate for 2022 soon . Taxpayers will have 30 days to appeal.

**Road Commissioner Business:** None.

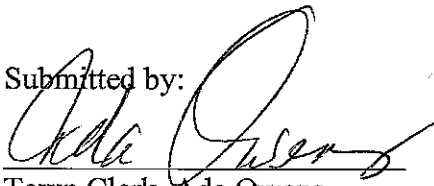
**Outreach Business/General Assistance:** General Assistance Case Manager, Susie Tulak reports the clients continue to be served and there are approximately 53 clients on the General roll.

Attorney Moredock announced he will be stepping down as the attorney for Decatur Township, November 20,2022. However, he will recommend another attorney for the township.

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn, and Trustee Funk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith                    yes  
Trustee John Funk                        yes  
Trustee Derrick Thaxton                yes  
Trustee Devon Joyner                    yes  
Supervisor Lisa Stanley                yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes and the meetings at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by:  
  
Town Clerk, Ada Owens