

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

November 9, 2023

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 5:00 p.m. by Trustee Derrick Thaxton, which the board concurred to have Thaxton chair the meeting, 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 9th day of November 2023, forty-eight hours' notice have been given to each member of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Michael Smith	present
Trustee John Funk	present
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	present
Trustee Devon Joyner	present

Also, present, Attorney, Andrew Jamar, Assessor, Vicki Sheets, Road Commissioner Gary Brennan, and members of the public.

The board concurred to have Trustee Derrick Thaxton chair the meeting.

Clerk Owens reports two people signed in for public comments. Mr. Bruce Pillsbury and Ms. Vicki Sheets. Pillsbury announced his support for appointing Susan Tulak to fill the vacancy of Township Supervisor because she is an excellent employee. Ms. Sheets announced her support for Susan Tulak to fill the vacancy of Township Supervisor because Susan have longevity and was a trusted companion to the late Supervisor Lisa Stanly.

Thaxton asks for a motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes of September 7, 2023, and the August 10, 2023, Special Minutes. Trustee Funk made the motion to approve the Minutes of September 7, 2023, and Trustee Joyner 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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Board Minutes of September 7, are approved.

Trustee Funk made the motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2023, and Trustee Joyner 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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Board Minutes of August 10, 2023. are approved.

Treasurer Report: Thaxton 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 **\$306, 209.18** and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

<u>Town Fund</u>	<u>\$ 170,454.82</u>
<u>Cemetery Reconstruction Fund</u>	<u>\$ 8,073.59</u>
<u>Cemetery Fund</u>	<u>\$ 106,644.27</u>
<u>Road & Bridge</u>	<u>\$ 3,270.91</u>
<u>Liability Fund (TOIRMA)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>General Assistance Administration Fund</u>	<u>\$ 13,333.72</u>
<u>General Assistance Program Fund</u>	<u>\$ 4,431.87</u>

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee John Funk	yes
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the **Treasurer’s Report** in the amount of **\$306,209.18** is approved.

The Board concurred to table August 2023 Audit.

Approval of July and August 2023 Audits: Trustee Funk made the motion to approve July’s Audits and Trustee Joyner 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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and July Audit are approved.

New Business; Discussion and approval of Township 2023 Tax Levy estimates: Attorney Jamar provided the board with written examples of the previous taxes levied for the town. Further, the Truth in Taxation Law requires the Board to approve 20 days prior to final an estimate of tax levy, Jamar explained. Therefore, if the board chooses to keep the levy flat, having a public hearing will not be necessary, however, if the levy is raised more than 105% notice and a public hearing must be held. The decision is totally the board’s decision. Trustee Joyner made the motion to keep the Township tax levy flat and set the estimate \$697,645 for corporate; & \$81,000 for IMRF; \$445,294 FOR Public Assistance; \$230,616 for Cemetery; \$31,175 for Liability; and \$55,387 for Social Security. At the direction of the Highway Commissioner, he would like to reduce the \$36,628 by \$18, 314 for the Roads District setting the Road & Bridge at \$18,314, 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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes to keep the Township 2023 tax levy flat.

Discussion and action on appointing an Authorized Agent for IMRF(Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund): Attorney Jamara states because of the death of Supervisor Lisa Stanley two vacancies will need to be filled. Therefore, two resolutions has been prepared for the board (1) filling the position of Illinois Municipal Retirement Agent and (2) filling the **position of**

Supervisor to finish Stanley's term. Trustee Joyner made the motion to appoint Susie Tulak the Authorize Agent for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) by **ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2304, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWNSHIP ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF) AUTHORIZE AGENT and John Funk seconded the motion.** A roll call was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee John Funk	yes
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	yes
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes vote and RESOLUTION NO. 2304 is approved.

Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Town Supervisor replacement: Trustee Thaxton would like to wait for the appointment. Three board members would like to appoint now to have a smooth transition. Trustee Funk made the motion to appoint Susie Tulak to the position of supervisor to finish the term vacated by Lisa Stanley and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee John Funk	yes
Trustee Derrick Thaxton	no
Trustee Devon Joyner	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 3 yes vote and RESOLUTION NO 2305 is approved.
RESOLUTION NO 2305 A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, AND APPOINTING A NEW TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR.

Old Business: None.

Cemetery Business: Cemetery Trustee Chairmen, Bruce Pillsbury reports all is going well at the town's Cemeteries. More flowers and urns will be added to Greenwood Cemetery for beautification. The Cemetery Laborers are doing an excellent job.

Assessor Business: Assessor Sheets reports everything is going well in the Assessor's Office. If anyone disagrees with their assessment, they have until November 20, 2023, to file an appeal with the Macon County Tax Assessor office.

Trustee Smith exited the Board Meeting at 5:45p.m.

Road Commissioner Business: Commissioner Brennan reports he is waiting for bills to be submitted from Macon County Highway for road work.

General Assistance Business/ Outreach : The 52 clients are being serviced.

Being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Joyner made the motion to adjourn, 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

The chair declared the motion carried on 3 yes votes and the Board meeting adjourns at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ada Owens", written over a horizontal line.

Town Clerk, Ada Owens