

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

January 2, 2025

A 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 Supervisor Tulak, in the Decatur Township Community Room, Upper Level, at the Decatur Township Office Building, 1620 S. Taylorville Rd., Decatur, Illinois upon the request of Susan Tulak, Supervisor, this 2nd day of January, forty-eight hours' notice have been given to each member of the Board of Trustees. A roll call was taken.

Michael Smith	present
Devon Joyner	present
Supervisor Susan Tulak	present

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

Clerk Ada Owens announced no one signed in for public comments.

Approval of December 5, 2024, Board Minutes: Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the Board Minutes and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Michael Smith	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The Chair declared the motion carried on 3 yes votes to approve the minutes.

Next item: Treasurer's Report/ signing Board Certificates: Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report to pay the bills in the amount of **\$138,060.61** and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

<u>General Town Fund</u>	<u>\$ 77,875.57</u>
<u>Cemetery Reconstruction Fund</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Cemetery Fund</u>	<u>\$ 24,509.86</u>
<u>Liability Fund (TOIRMA)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Road & Bridge</u>	<u>\$ 17,595.07</u>
General <u>Assistance Administration Fund</u>	<u>\$ 7,081.47</u>
<u>General Assistance Program Fund</u>	<u>\$ 10,998.64</u>

Michael Smith	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion, carried on 3 yes votes to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of **\$138,060.61**.

November 2024 Audit: Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve November's 2024 Audit and Trustee Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Michael Smith	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 3 yes votes to approve November's Audit.

New Business: Appointment/Discussion and possible action on Resolution to fill Trustee's vacancy: Attorney Jarmar explained, after Trustee Derreck Thaxton resigned on December 5, 2024, board meeting, the board is tasked with filling the vacancy within 60 days by the Illinois Statute. Therefore, **Resolution NO. 2025-01, A RESOLUTION FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** is prepared to coincide with filling the vacancy. Supervisor Tulak reports two individuals have expressed interest in filling the vacancy. Angelia Butler and Amy Rueff. The board invites the candidates to make brief statements about their desire to fill the vacancy. Angie Butler states that because of her desire to get involved in the community, filling the trustee vacancy would be a good place to learn about Decatur Township Government. Amy Rueff states because she had served on the board prior as trustee and she is a candidate for trustee in the April 2025 election, she would be the best choice to fill the vacancy. Trustee Joyner made the motion to appoint Amy Rueff to fill the vacant Trustee's position of Derrick Thaxton until the term ends May 19, 2025, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Michael Smith	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion, carried on 3 yes votes **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1 A RESOLUTION FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** is approved and Amy Rueff is appointed.

Clerk Ada Owens administer the Oath of Office:

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
 COUNTY OF MACON } SS
 TOWN OF DECATUR }

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Amy Rueff having been appointed to the Office of Township Trustee of Town of Decatur in the County of Macon aforesaid, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Township Trustee to the best of my ability.

 Township Trustee

Signed and sworn to before me on January 2, 2025

 Town Clerk

Filed January 2, 2025, in the Clerk's Office in the Township of Decatur.

Cemetery Report: Cemetery Board Chairman Bruce Pillsbury reports the Cemetery Laborers are in the leaf blowing season. Therefore, mowing stops in the Winter.

Assessor Report: Assessor Sheets reports staff is working in the field. Further, staff is working on Board of Review complaints. There are approximately 104 complaints.

Road Commissioner: Commissioner Brennan no reports.

General Assistance: Supervisor Tulak reports all clients are being serviced. There are approximately 52 clients on the General Assistance Roll.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Tulak made the motion to adjourn, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Michael Smith	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 3 yes votes the Board Meeting adjourns at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by:



Town Clerk, Ada Owens

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 01

A RESOLUTION FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

WHEREAS, Decatur Township, Macon County, Illinois (the "Township"), is an Illinois Municipal Corporation existing and operating under the Illinois Township Code (60 ILCS 1/1-1, *et seq.*; the "Code") and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Code (60 ILCS 1/60-5) provides that if a vacancy in the office of Township Trustee occurs, then the Township Board of Trustees ("Township Board") must fill the vacancy within sixty (60) days of the vacancy occurring, by appointment, and the person so appointed shall hold their respective office for the remained of the unexpired term and have the same powers and duties and subject to the same penalties as if having been elected or appointed for a full term of office; and

WHEREAS, the Code (60 ILCS 1/60-5) requires that any person appointed to fill a vacancy of Township office to be a member of the same political party as the person vacating the office if the person vacating the office was elected as a member of an established political party under Section 10-2 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-2); and,

WHEREAS, on Thursday, December 5, 2024, the Township Board accepted the written resignation of Township Trustee, Derrick Thaxton, creating a vacancy in the office of Township Trustee; and,

WHEREAS, after discussion and consideration, the Township Board desires to appoint Amy Rueff, a current Township resident, to act as Township Trustee for the remainder of the unexpired term vacated by former Township Trustee, Derrick Thaxton, and to serve as Township Trustee until a qualified and duly-elected successor is elected and is sworn into office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DECATUR TOWNSHIP, MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. Appointment to Office. The Township Board hereby appoints Amy Rueff, a current Township resident, to act as Township Trustee for the remainder of the unexpired term vacated by former Township Trustee, Derrick Thaxton, and to serve as Township Trustee until a qualified and duly-elected successor is elected and is sworn into office.

Section 3. Acceptance of Appointment. Amy Rueff hereby accepts appointment by the Township Board to serve as Township Trustee for the remainder of the unexpired term vacated by former Township Trustee, Derrick Thaxton, and to serve as Township Trustee until a qualified and duly-elected successor is elected and is sworn into office.

Section 4. Severability. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds this resolution or any provision hereof to be invalid or unenforceable as applied, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the application thereof to the greatest extent permitted by law.

Section 5. Repeal & Savings Clause. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions, or causes of action which shall have accrued to Decatur Township, Macon County, Illinois, prior to the effective date of this Resolution.


Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
TULAK	✓			
FUNK			✓	
JOYNER	✓			
SMITH	✓			
TOTAL	3		1	3

PASSED this 2nd day of January 2025.


SUSAN TULAK, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:


ADA OWENS, Township Clerk