

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

February 6, 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 Susan Tulak, in the Decatur Township Community Room at the Decatur Township Office Building, 1620 S. Taylorville Rd., Decatur, Illinois upon the request of Susan Tulak, this 6th day of February 2025, forty-eight hours' notice have been given to each member of the Board of Trustees. A roll call was taken.

Michael Smith	present
Amy Rueff	present
Devon Joyner	present
Supervisor Susan Tulak	present

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

Public Comments: Town Clerk Owens announced one person signed in for public comments, **Owens states there is a 3-minute rule for public comments.** Mr. Jim Taylor addressed his concern with the state of the Hospitals in Decatur being horrible. Specifically Saint Mary's Hospital. While Taylor cites neither hospital, St. Mary's nor Decatur Memorial are doing an excellent job, but St. Mary's is the worst. The wait time to see patients in the emergency room and sending patients to Springfield hospitals because they have shut down so many departments in St. Mary's are the major problem. Further, Taylor asks the board and all present to join him in trying to make people aware of the state of the hospital and help to improve the conditions at the hospitals. Taylor reports he will be calling a meeting soon of all the elected Officials in Macon County to help with this issue and encourage the Town Board of Trustees to attend.

Approval of January 2, 2025, Regular Board Minutes Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the Board Minutes of January 2, and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Michael Smith	yes
Amy Rueff	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The Chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Minutes of January 2, 2025, are approved.

Next item: Treasurer's Report/ signing Board Certificates: Supervisor Tulak made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$ 138, 543.42 and Trustee Rueff seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

<u>General Town Fund</u>	<u>\$ 94,329.43</u>
<u>Cemetery Reconstruction Fund</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Cemetery Fund</u>	<u>\$ 23,237.05</u>
<u>Road & Bridge</u>	<u>\$ 962.02</u>
<u>Liability Fund (TOIRMA)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>General Assistance Administration Fund</u>	<u>\$ 9,605.92</u>
<u>General Assistance Program Fund</u>	<u>\$ 2,781.80</u>

Trustee Michael Smith	yes
Trustee Amy Rueff	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes to approve the Treasurer’s Report in the amount of \$138,543.42.

December’s 2025 Audit: Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve, and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Michael Smith	yes
Amy Rueff	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and December’s 2024 Audit is approved.

New Business: Appointment/Discussion and possible action on Resolution to fill Trustee’s vacancy: Attorney Jarmar explained, after the death of John Funk on January 17, 2025, the board is tasked with filling the vacancy within 60 days by the Illinois Statue. Therefore, **Resolution NO. 2025-02, A RESOLUTION FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** is prepared to coincide with filling the vacancy. Trustee Joyner made the motion to appoint Michael Damery to fill the vacant Trustee’s position of John Funk until the term ends May 19, 2025, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Michael Smith	yes
Amy Rueff	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The chair declared the motion, carried on 4 yes votes **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2 A RESOLUTION FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** is approved and Michael Damery is appointed.

Clerk Ada Owens administer the Oath of Office:

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

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Michael Damery 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 February 6, 2025.

Trustee Damery did take his seat at the table.

Town Clerk

Filed February 6, 2025, in the Clerk's Office in the Township of Decatur.

Old Business: None.

Cemetery Report: Cemetery Board Chairperson Bruce Pillsbury reports the Cemetery Laborers are working on equipment getting ready for spring. 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
Michael Damery	yes
Devon Joyner	yes
Amy Rueff	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

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

Submitted by:



Town Clerk, Ada Owens