

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

March 27, 2025

A **SPECIAL** 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, Upper Level, at the Decatur Township Office Building, 1620 S. Taylorville Rd., Decatur, Illinois upon the request of the Town Board of Trustees, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, forty-eight hours' notice have been given to each member of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Michael Smith	absent
Trustee Michael Damery	present
Trustee Amy Rueff	present
Trustee Devon Joyner	present
Supervisor Susan Tulak	present

Also, present, Andrew Jarmer, SORLING NORTHRUP Attorney, Assessor Vicki Sheets, and members of the public.

Clerk Owens reports that no one signed in for public comments.

**New Business: Approval of Line-item Transfers for Fiscal Year 2025:** Supervisor Tulak presented the Line-items transfers with amount needed in each fund because of 2024 budget shortages, in the Town, Road & Bridge, Assessor and Cemetery Funds: (**SEE ATTACHMENT**) Trustee Rueff made the motion to approve the Line-item transfers and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes to approve the Line-item transfers.

#### **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-03, RESOLUTION OPPOSE TOWNSHIP**

**CONSOLIDATION INTO COUNTY GOVERNMENT:** Attorney Jarmar states this resolution was prepared by the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) and sent to all townships in Illinois to oppose certain bills introduced by the Illinois 104 General Assembly in March, requesting support from Township Officials members to oppose such consolidation votes by their representatives. Tulak ask for a motion to approve adopting the resolution. Trustee Rueff made the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 25-3**, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. (**see attachment**)

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes and **RESOLUTION NO. 25-03**, is adopted.

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

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 5 yes votes and the meeting adjourns at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Ada Owens, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 02**

**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 remainder 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**, a vacancy has been caused on the Township Board of Trustees, effective as of Friday, January 17, 2025, by reason of the death of Township Trustee, John Funk; and,


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

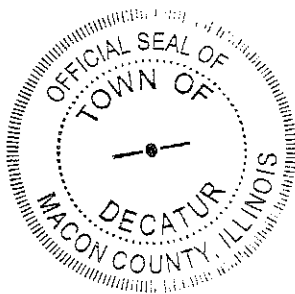
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
TULAK	✓			
JOYNER	✓			
RUEFF	✓			
SMITH	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	4

PASSED this 6 day of February 2025.

  
 SUSAN TULAK, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

  
 ADA OWENS, Township Clerk



**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 Mike Damery, a current Township resident, to act as Township Trustee for the remainder of the unexpired term vacated by former Township Trustee, John Funk, 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.** Mike Damery hereby accepts appointment by the Township Board to serve as Township Trustee for the remainder of the unexpired term vacated by former Township Trustee, John Funk, 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.

**RESOLUTION No. 25-03**

**OPPOSE TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATION INTO COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**DECATUR TOWNSHIP MACON , County, Illinois.**

Whereas **SB 2504**, **SB 2217**, and **HB 2515**, introduced by the 104<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly in March 2025 is asking for the consolidation of township government.

**WHEREAS** The Board of Township Trustees of the Township of Decatur in the County of Macon is opposed to these initiatives and recognizes that Townships in Illinois provide many services outside of the three statutory obligations of road and bridge maintenance, property assessment and general assistance; and

**WHEREAS** The Board Trustees of the Township of Decatur recognize the following:

The legislation does not consider that over 72,000 miles of roads are maintained by road districts in Illinois and approximately 12,000 bridges; and

That current state law exists that allows a township to consolidate if the initiative is brought with voter approval; and

Past attempts like those provided for in this legislation have failed in Illinois; and

The research has proven that such attempts result in increased costs overall for local government; and

Township Government has the lowest debt and expense per capita in local government and taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Decatur in the County of Macon will only support any statewide effort of township consolidation if valid cost impact analysis is completed and proof that the level of services provided will remain.

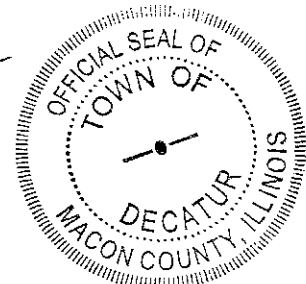
This would eliminate many community-based services that are important to the public.

PASSED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, by then The Township Board of Trustees duly assembled at the Decatur Township, Macon County, Illinois.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan K. Tulach".A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ada P. Owens".

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

TOWNSHIP CLERK



## ACCOUNT TRANSFERS

March 27, 2025

### TOWN FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
CONT. 01.02.929	BANK FEES 01.02.579	\$550.00
CONT. 01.03.929	TELEPHONE 01.03.552	\$4,400.00
CONT. 01.05.929	TELEPHONE 01.05.552	\$250.00
CONT. 01.05.929	INTERNET 01.05.571	\$250.00
CONT. 01.05.929	GARBAGE DISPOSAL 01.05.573	\$500.00

### ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
CONT. 06.01.929	STREET LIGHTING 06.01.572	\$500.00

### GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
CONT. 15.09.929	SALARIES 15.09.421	\$2,500.00

### CEMETERY FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
CONT. 18.04.929	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE 18.04.471	\$100.00
CONT. 18.04.929	PUBLISHING 18.04.553	\$300.00
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