

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

May 8, 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 8th day of May 2025, forty-eight hours' notice have been given to each member of the Board of Trustees. A roll call was taken.

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

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

Public Comments: Town Clerk Owens announced two people signed in for public comments. Jaquay Owens and Issac Wilson. Owens, Community Director for the Salvation Army, Decatur, Illinois appeared requesting a \$2,000 dollar donation to purchase an Excel Program to help students' academically during the Youth Summer Camp and after school program. Further Owens provided the board with a Salvation Army Impact Report flyer. Wilson appeared requesting a \$25,000 donation to help support the Decatur Gators Youth Football traveling team. Wilson states that over 200 kids have participated in this program. Isaac provided the board with a printout of the Decatur Gators' goals.

Approval of April 3, 2025, Regular Board Minutes Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the Board Minutes of April 3, 2025, and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Minutes of April 3, 2025, are approved.

Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the **Town's Public Hearing Minutes of April 8, 2025**, and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Public Hearing Minutes are approved.

Next item: Treasurer's Report/ signing Board Certificates: Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$ 145, 414.99 and Trustee Damery seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

General Town Fund \$ 89,559.94

<u>Cemetery Reconstruction Fund</u>	\$ -
<u>Cemetery Fund</u>	\$ 20,414.61
<u>Liability Fund (TOIRMA)</u>	\$ -
<u>Road & Bridge</u>	\$ 14,064.49
<u>General Assistance Administration Fund</u>	\$ 7,873.20
<u>General Assistance Fund</u>	\$ 13,502.75
Michael Smith	yes
Michael Damery	yes
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 \$145,414.99

March 2025, Audit: Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The Chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and March Audit is approved.

New Business: Swearing in of New Officials, Adopt Final 2025/2026 Road District Budget, Adopt Town's Final 2025/2026 Budget, Approval of Resolution of State of Illinois (CMS) Central Management Service Group Insurance for Employees and Officials, Discussion/ Possible Action on Estimates for Landscaping the area in front of Township Building, Discussion/Possible Action on Cleaning/ Sanitizing the Town's Building, Discussion/Possible Action on Resolution to Approve Social Service Agreement withhold Kings Orchard Community Center.

Clerk Owens asked the two present Trustees, Michael Smith, Devon Joyner, Supervisor Susan Tulak and Road Commissioner, Gary Brennan to stand and raise their right hand. Owens administered the Oath of Office.

Oath of Office

State of Illinois)
Decatur Township) ss.
Macon County)

I, _____, do solemnly swear (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 offices of Decatur Township Trustees and Town Supervisor to the best of my ability.

Signed and sworn (affirmed) before me on: May 8, 2025

May 8, 2025

Township Clerk, Ada Owens

Supervisor Tulak made the motion to adopt the Road District 2025/2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Road District Budget is adopted.

Supervisor Tulak made the motion to adopt the Town’s 2025/2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Town’s Budget is adopted.

Approval of RESOLUTION of State of Illinois (CMS) Central Management Services Group Insurance for Employees and Elected Officials: Tulak states each year the town adopts a Resolution approving a certain health insurance plan for Elected Officials and Employees and their Dependents which will be effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Supervisor Tulak made the motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2503, and Trustee Joyner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and RESOLUTION NO. 2503, is adopted. (see attachment)

Discussion/Possible Action on Estimates for Landscaping the area in front of the Town’s Building: Tulak states the town received two estimates for landscaping (Grizzly Green Lawn Care \$9,650.00 and Landscaping and Walkers Lawn & Landscaping \$19,825.00) in the front of the building to remove grass and replace with River Rock. Trustee Joyner made the motion to approve the estimate from Grizzly Green Lawn Care as presented and Trustee Damery seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes vote and the Grizzly’s estimate is accepted.

Discussion/ Possible Action on Cleaning/Sanitizing the Town Building: Tulak reports she received two estimates from (Servpro Decatur/ Forsyth) and Peerless Cleaning and Restoration for removing the trash left by racoons which had been nesting in the attic of the building over the Assessor’s Office and kitchen area. The squirrel has history with the attic. Therefore, the area will need to be sanitized. Tulak further states, after a maintenance check there was mold visible

on the ceiling vents, we have been assured the mold is not harmful and the air quality is good. Discussion on getting the footage, and what areas are in the estimates is to be cleaned and sanitized, the consensus of the board is to table until Supervisor Tulak have more clarification.

Discussion/Possible Action on Resolution to Approve Social Service Agreement with Old King's Orchard Community Center: Attorney Jarmar states because the supervisor did not receive all portions of the Resolution and agreement, his suggestion is to table the Resolutions approval. Further, by law all portions of the Resolution must be approve at the same time. The consensus of the board is to table any action on the Resolution.

Old Business: None.

Cemetery Business: Cemetery Chair Bruce Pillsbury reports all is going well at the Town's Cemeteries. The Cemetery Trustees will again be at Greenwood Cemetery on Memorial Day May 26, 2025.

Assessor Business: Assessor Sheets reports all is well in the Assessor's office. Staff is working in the field. Also, the staff is working on the Board of Review Complaints. The Assessment Book for 2025, will be submitted to the Macon County Assessor Office on time June 15, 2025.

Road Commissioner: Commissioner Brennan no reports.

General Assistance/ Outreach: Supervisor Tulak reports that the General Assistance Clients are being serviced. Currently General Assistance services about 60 active clients.

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
Amy Rueff	absent
Devon Joyner	yes
Supervisor Susan Tulak	yes

The Chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Board Meeting adjourns at 6:00 o'clock p. m.

Submitted by 

Town Clerk, Ada B. Owens

RESOLUTION 25- 03

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, Decatur Township (hereinafter, the "Township"), Macon County, Illinois, is a township operating under and pursuant to the Illinois Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township's elected officials, employees, and their dependents need health care insurance; and,

WHEREAS, that the Township provides medical, hospital, and health insurance to its elected officials, employees, and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, Decatur Township and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31, AFL-CIO ("Parties") have entered into a collective bargaining agreement effective through April 20, 2025 ("Agreement"); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/100-15, the Township is authorized to provide for payment by the Township of all or a portion of the premium or charge of such insurance of such persons; and

WHEREAS, the Township wants to continue to provide health care and insurance plans meeting the needs of its elected officials, employees, and their dependents, as provided pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/100-15; and,

WHEREAS, 60 ILCS 1/100-15 provides for the Township to pay the premiums and costs for a combination of such types of insurance meeting the individual needs of the Township's elected officials, employees, and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, the Township received written notice reflecting premium increases, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; a true and correct copy of which is attached and incorporated hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board believes it to be in the best interest of the Township, its elected officials, its employees, and their dependents, to approve **Exhibit A**, as set forth and described herein, and authorize the Supervisor and/or Clerk to execute any necessary documentation to make available to its elected officials, employees, and their dependents, medical, hospital, and health insurance, as provided within 60 ILCS 1/100-15.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DECATUR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF DECATUR TOWNSHIP, MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the above recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution and restated as though set forth herein.

2. The premium increases, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are hereby approved, and the Township's Corporate Authorities authorize the Supervisor and/or Clerk to execute any necessary documentation to make available to its elected officials, employees, and their dependents, medical, hospital, and health insurance, as provided within 60 ILCS 1/100-15.

3. In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this Resolution shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect.

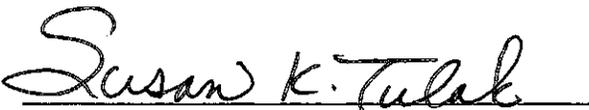
4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, action, or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Township prior to the effective date of this Resolution.

5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval as required by law and shall be effective for any employee covered by a collective bargaining unit upon compliance with any applicable collective bargaining agreement and/or law.

PASSED this 8th day of May 2025, at Decatur Township, Macon County, Illinois, by a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
TULAK	✓			
DAMERY	✓			
JOYNER	✓			
RUEFF			✓	
SMITH	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	1	4

DECATUR TOWNSHIP


 Susan Tulak, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:


 Ada Owens, Township Clerk

EXHIBIT A