

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

July 3, 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 6:00 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 Susan Tulak, Supervisor, this 3rd day of July 2025, forty-eight hours' notice have been given to each member of the Board of Trustees. A roll call was taken.

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

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

Clerk Ada Owens announced two people signed in for public comments. Owens announced the three-minute rule for public comments. Jim Taylor Assessor Sheets. Mr. Jim Taylor reports he is not happy with a haunted tour event plan at Greenwood Cemetery on July 19 and August 9, 2025, by a group call American Haunting. Taylor further states this type of event is disrespectful to the deceased in Greenwood Cemetery and he requested the Cemetery Trustee to stop the event and not allow any other event of this sort. Assessor Sheets states she is not totally convinced Jones and Sullivan Enterprises, Inc., can do the work needed in the Assessor's Office. Sheets requested the board to make certain the ceiling will be cleaned and sanitized.

Approval of June 5, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Tulak made the motion to approve the minutes and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

Next item: Treasurer's Report/ signing Board Certificates: Trustee Rueff made the motion to approve Treasurer's Report to pay the bills in the amount of \$196,292.50 and Trustee Damery seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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| <u>General Town Fund</u> | <u>\$ 82,453.47</u> |
| <u>Cemetery Reconstruction Fund</u> | <u>\$ 19,770.00</u> |
| <u>Cemetery Fund</u> | <u>\$ 72,451.96</u> |
| <u>Road & Bridge</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| <u>Liability Fund (TOIRMA)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

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| <u>General Assistance Administration Fund</u> | \$ <u>5,909.45</u> |
| <u>General Assistance Program Fund</u> | \$ <u>15,707.62</u> |

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and the Treasurer's Report in the amount of **\$196,292.50** is approved.

May's 2025 Audit Reports: Trustee Rueff made the motion to approve the audits and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and May's Audit are approved.

New Business: Discussion/Action on cleaning/sanitizing the Upper Level of Town's Building: Discussion/possible action, approving and authorizing Line-Item Transfer within Town Fund: Discussion/possible action Approving a Resolution authorizing Cooperative Agreement with Old King's Orchard Community Center.

Supervisor Tulak reports that the ceiling of the upper level have been inspected by Jones and Sullivan Enterprises, Inc., and Trustee Damery. Each Trustee has a copy of the findings with pictures and recommendations. The recommendations are **A.** clean ceiling grid , clean light fixture in Land of Lincoln Office, and replace the ceiling tile plus clean the grid in the Assessor' Office. **B.** Clear the debris which could be from prior construction. from the halls adjacent to the Assessor' and 1/3 of the Community Room. Further, there was no noticeable smell or excrement or urine in places inspected. Supervisor Tulak states Servpro will clean the vents at the same submitted rate. Trustee Rueff made the motion to approve the estimates submitted by Jones and Sullivan and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes to approve the estimates.

Line-Item transfer Ordinance was not presented.

Attorney Jamer states after all the legal reviews have been addressed, the agreement to enter a Social Service Contract with Old Kings Orchard Community Center awarding \$18, 500 under Illinois Statue 85-10 and 85-13 of the code authorizing the Township Board of Trustees to enter into this agreement. Further, this agreement provides services to Township residents who may be considered poor , aged, and youth services is now ready for passage in Resolution form. **Trustee**

Rueff made the motion to approve RESOLUTION NO 25-05, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN DECATUR TOWNSHIP AND OLD KING'S ORCHARD COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE TOWNSHIP FISCIAL YEAR 2025-2026, and Supervisor Tulak seconded the motion. A roll call was taken.

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes and RESOLUTION NO 25-05 is adopted.

Cemetery Business: Cemetery Chair reports the trustees had no knowledge of any planned event at Greenwood Cemetery stated by Mr. Taylor. However the board will check into it to ensure this event is stopped. The wildflowers on the slope at Greenwood are planted. Also, a water tank have been secured from the city to do the watering. Cemetery Trustee Concetta Guyse praised Bruce for doing a fantastic job at the town' Cemeteries.

Assessor Business: Assessor Sheets reports the employees in the Assessor's Office submitted the values books on time, June 15, 2025. Therefore, the next step is to wait for the county (Macon) to get back with the values. Also, two of the staff have had incidents of nails and other objects embedded in their tires. These incidents appear to have happened after the landscaping was done in front of the Town's Office Building. one tire was repaired at a cost of \$138.00 the other had to be replaced at a cost of \$178.00. Sheets suggested the town cover the cost. The consensus of the board is to pay for the repairs.

Road Commissioner Report: None

General Assistance/Outreach: Supervisor Tulak reports all is well in General Assistance. All 60 clients are being served.

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

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

The chair declared the motion carried on 4 yes votes, and the Board Meeting adjourned at 5:55p.m.

Submitted by: 

Ada Owens, Town Clerk