

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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Town of Grant, }

July 16, 2019
Board Minutes, Final

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road, on July 16, 2019.

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	x__ Present	___ Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Bob Selle	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Carol Ulasz	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Tom Lippert	x__ Present	___ Absent
Clerk:	Barbara Schau	x__ Present	___ Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic as chairperson and Barbara Schau as clerk, the following official business was transacted:

1.-2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials

Present: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: None

Also present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen, Clerk Schau

4. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the June 18, 2019 minutes; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. Supervisor Starostovic asked for a change in the minutes which reflects the fact that the synthetic turf grounds improvement come from several fund-raising events, and not from tax-payers. All agreed to the change. The vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills dated June 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$224,488.25; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further comments or discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the Investment Report dated June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$4,561,550.60; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. There being no further discussion or comments, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

8. Miscellaneous

There were no questions or comments.

10. New Business

a. Update on Walking Path

The path looks very good. The board discussed feasible ways to extend the path, and also the need to provide 2 crossing areas for pedestrians. While it would be advantageous to have the paths even on both sides, that probably is not a reality at this time. The board agreed that we must have a Plan B to responsibly complete this project. Highway Commissioner Kiesgen will try to have general estimates for the next meeting.

b. Mobile Driver Services Day

The Township sponsored this event, and the turnout was very good. Because of the interest, we will do the event again.

c. Review Capital Reserve Resolution

We need to update a Capital Reserve Account Resolution, dated May, 2008. Supervisor Starostovic and Clerk Schau will draft the resolution for the board to review at the August meeting.

d. Building, Grounds, Parks and Project Reports

- We are working on the Hydro-Blox in the far field. We need fill, and we are happy to report that Mulch Co. has made a donation to finish the project. We appreciate their very kind donation.

- the sprinkler system is underway

- we continue to work on the new turf

- we will install Lightning Rods on the new shelter

- our maintenance team is doing an outstanding job keeping our fields and our landscaping in pristine condition

e. TOI Conference in November

It is never too early to make reservations. Nancy Rogers will submit our request, please let her know if you are attending, and we will make our own reservations. The conference begins Sunday, November 10, 2019 through Tuesday, November 12th. Please make arrangements asap.

f. Update on 5k Walk/Run

Our sponsors are participating and helping to make the event successful, registration will begin shortly, and the t-shirts look great.

g. Update on Fall Fest

We are very pleased to see our many vendors signing up to participate in our event. We are pleased to have Chicago Kite and Rolling Videos participating; the kids will love these.

h. Any Other Old Business

- The Fox Lake parade was a fun event, and there was a good turnout

- Supervisor Starostovic participated in the Lakemoor Parade and commented on how very successful it was. They parade through neighborhoods, which is an interesting twist.

- Woodman's Market is expected to open on time, Labor Day weekend

10. New Business

a. Review Draft of Audit

Supervisor asked everyone to review the draft of the annual audit and be prepared to make corrections or changes at the August meeting and approve the document either as presented or with changes.

b. Consider Motions:

- To Approve Health Insurance for 2019-2020

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen was the lead on this task force and explained the policies that were under consideration. After careful evaluation of the current provider and their increase, vs. another provider and their annual increase, the task force (comprised of Supervisor, Assessor, Highway Commissioner) agreed that it appears that the current provider is the best value for our employees. We will stay with BC/BS for this year, as the health increase was 3%, the dental was 6%, and the vision portion remained the same as the prior year. To this end, Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the BC/BS proposal; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

(b. Consider Motions, cont'd)

- For Lightning Protection Rods For Playground Shelter

All agreed this was an important addition to our park for the safety of everyone. To this end, Trustee Selle made a motion to install Lightning Rods in the new shelter, at a cost not to exceed \$2300.00; Trustee Ulasz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion or comments, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

-Fox Waterway Watershed Plan

This is a new plan, initiated by the Fox Waterway Agency, and a tremendous undertaking that will require the support and many endeavors by all of those entities that are a part of the Chain O'Lakes. A quick review of the document sent by the Fox Waterway suggests that perhaps the assessments may not be totally realistic and fair to each entity, and the document references "potential" dues, raising the question as to the amount and frequency of the dues. After further discussion the board opted to take an in-depth look at the plan, better understand the goals, and review and assess options prior to committing.

-Adopt the Updated General Assistance Handbook

Trustee Selle made a motion to adopt the Updated General Assistance Handbook; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

c. Any Other New Business

There were no additional topics.

11. Officials' Reports

Supervisor

- There will be cooling stations available for those in need during the heat wave we are experiencing. Lakefront, Grant Township, Fire Stations and Village Hall will all participate.

Highway Commissioner

- Because of the bad weather early in the season, the highway crew is a bit behind in the work that needs to be done. Mowing, paving and drainage projects should be caught up soon.

Clerk; Trustees

- Nothing to report

12. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the board of Trustees, Trustee Hamm made a motion to close the meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There were no comments and a voice vote was called, all in favor, none opposed, and the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Schau
Grant Township Clerk