

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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Lake County, ss. }
Town of Grant, }

August 25, 2020
Board Minutes

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on August 25, 2020.

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Bob Selle	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Carol Ulasz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Tom Lippert	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Clerk:	Barbara Schau	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	x	Absent

Supervisor Starostovic as chairperson and Nancy Rogers as Deputy 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, Lippert, Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: Clerk Barbara Schau

Also present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen, Deputy Clerk Rogers

4. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Selle requested that the minutes show Trustee Ulasz to be absent as her resignation had not been accepted until further in the meeting.

Supervisor Starostovic requested correction on Page 2 – under Officials Report – that the wording TOI meeting be changed to conference.

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the July 21, 2020 minutes as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: none

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills dated July 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$282,570.49; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Selle made a motion to accept the Investment Report dated July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4,578,091.73; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

Supervisor Starostovic asked the board if the reports now done by the new Quickbook system are getting easier to read. Supervisor Starostovic stated that the Accountant Katherine Andrus has offered to come to a board meeting and answer any questions.

8. Miscellaneous

a. Supervisor Starostovic reported that a local Girl Scout had made a Library Book Respository to be placed at Grant Township. A book may be taken and does not have to be returned. Supervisor Starostovic is working with the Maintenance Department for placement of the book Respository.

9. Old Business

a. Building & Grounds Report

Supervisor Starostovic showed the board pictures of damage that had been done by the previous wind storm. A tree had been down, Facia boards from the garage and the Grant Township entrance sign had collapsed due to the rotted wood. Supervisor Starostovic had received a proposal from an electrician to run electricity out to spot where there will be a replacement sign in the future. Supervisor Starostovic advised Board that we would be going out for bid. Trustee Lippert stated that he would like to see an on ground sign installed. Supervisor Starostovic reported that the lighting had been re-installed through the buildings. Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Hydro Block project that had been approved previously would not be done due to the increase in price from original proposal.

b. Update on Walking Path

Highway Commissioner reported that the bike/walking path has been completed. It has been reported that the path is being used a lot by residents. Trustee Lippert inquired if there has been any word on the Path Grant that Grant Township applied for. Supervisor Starostovic reported not at this time.

c. Report on Township Projects

Supervisor Starostovic asked the Board if they would like to do any further projects at this time. Discussion was made regarding the entrance sign and installing the climbing wall at the playground. Trustee Selle asked if there was anything that had to be done with the pond. Supervisor Starostovic reported that there are no problems at this time. The maintenance department have done a wonderful job with the grounds and the park.

d. Food Distribution Events

Supervisor Starostovic reported that Saturday August 29th, Lake County Board member Judy Martini along with Lake County Board members would be hosting a POP UP Tent food distribution at Grant High School. The time will be from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. Supervisor Starostovic reported to the board how this event will work.

e. Any Other Old Business

Supervisor Starostovic asked the board how they wanted to handle the replacement of the trustee vacancy. The Board was asked if they wanted to meet and discuss the possible prospects or if it would be discussed in an Executive Meeting. There will be discussion on this at a later date.

10. New Business

a. Consider Motions to Approve:

- 2019-2020 Grant Township Audit

The auditor – Joe Troyer was put on speaker phone to address the verification that the Board had received the recent 2019-2020 Audit. Each Board member was asked individually if they had received the audit.

Trustee Hamm – received

Trustee Selle – received

Trustee Lippert – received

Supervisor Starostovic – received

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen – received.

Mr. Troyer stated that there were no issues to bring attention to. Mr. Troyer stated that if any of the board had any questions please ask Kay and she would notify Mr. Troyer for the answers. Mr. Troyer stated that it was his pleasure to be working with Grant Township. Supervisor Starostovic thanked Mr. Troyer for the extra help that he provided after the unexpected passing of the township accountant.

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Grant Township Audit; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

- Grant Township Corporation Report

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the Annual Corporation report; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

- Health Insurance With United Health Care \$277,028.99

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen explained the change of insurance coverage for the September 15th renewal. Commissioner Kiesgen stated that the savings in cost to the Township was the main factor of their decision. Commissioner Kiesgen stated that United Health Care policy would provide good coverage to the employee. Trustee Selle and Trustee Lippert addressed some questions regarding the coverage compared to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Supervisor Starostovic stated that she would like to discuss other options to save money on insurance premiums at a later date.

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve to accept the Health Insurance Coverage with United Health Care with the premium of \$277,028.99 annually; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert

Passed: Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

b. Any Other New Business

Discussion was made regarding the Liability Insurance policies for the Township. Supervisor Starostovic had submitted paperwork to TOIRMA for a proposal. Additional information would have to be sent from the Highway Department to get the proposal. Trustee Selle asked if this could be discussed in November again.

Previous discussion on garbage pick-up in the township would have to be put on hold to a later date.

11. Officials' Reports

Supervisor:

-none

Highway Commissioner:

-none

Trustees:

-Trustee Hamm – none

-Trustee Lippert - none

-Trustee Selle – none

Deputy Clerk - none

12. Audience

None

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Hamm made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. By voice vote, all Ayes, and no nays, the meeting was closed at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Rogers
Grant Township Deputy Clerk