

# Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

State of Illinois,  
Lake County, ss.  
Town of Grant,

DECEMBER 21, 2021  
FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on December 21, 2021

**Attendees:**

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
	Bob Selle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
	Tom Lippert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
	Karen Fischer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Clerk:	Judy Martini	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as chairperson and Judy Martini as Clerk, the following official business was transacted:

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

**3. Roll Call of Officials:**

Present: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic, Clerk Martini

Absent: Trustee Hamm

Also present: Assessor Jeri Barr, Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers, Deputy Assessor Lisa LaMantia

**4. Audience**

Mr. and Mrs. Callese

**5. Approval of Minutes**

a. November 2021 Meeting

Trustee Selle made a motion to accept the minutes as amended to fix the typo on the spelling of Trustee Lippert's name from the November 16, 2021 board meeting; motion was seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

**6. Approval of Bills**

Trustee Selle made a motion to accept the bills as presented for the period November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$445,510.59 motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further questions the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer: and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

**7. Approval of Investment Report**

Trustee Selle made a motion to accept the Investment Report in the amount of \$5,611,199.19 for the period November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

## **8. Miscellaneous**

Mr. and Mrs. Callesse who reside on N. Ridge Road in Ingleside came to voice their concerns on numerous ongoing problems impacting their subdivision. Pictures were passed out showing many of the concerns the subdivision is currently facing. The residents have been in contact with Highway Commissioner Kiesgen with their concerns and are awaiting further response from her. The Highway Commissioner was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Many of the Trustees including Supervisor Starostovic voiced their concerns on the problems the neighbors are facing and all are hoping the Highway Commissioner or County can help the neighborhood soon and all are awaiting an update from the Highway Commissioner.

## **9. Old Business**

### **a. Report on Adopt-A-Family and Christmas Distribution**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that this year we did not have as many families requesting assistance as in the past. We are also still handing out the Holiday meals. Supervisor Starostovic thanked all the volunteers who have helped with the distributions for their dedicated hard work.

### **b. Building, Grounds and Park**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that even though we had some very strong winds with the last storm all of our buildings held up good and that even the Gazebo where the Christmas Float was displayed did not get damaged in the high winds.

### **c. Update on Christmas Parade**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that our float in the Fox Lake Christmas Parade received the Mayors Choice Award. Clerk Martini, Willie and Dan and herself attended in the Lakemoor Christmas Parade with our float. Supervisor Starostovic thanked all the Officials and the maintenance crew for all their hard work in the parades.

### **d. Information regarding IMRF**

Supervisor Starostovic informed the Board that IMRF contribution for employees will be going down. Previously the contribution was 8.30% going down to 5.64% with individual member contribution set at \$4.50.

### **e. Report on Fox Waterway Agency**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that she has received notification from the FWA that their 319 Grant with the Corp of Engineers was finally approved and that they are seeking the contributions from their partners. For the next 2 years the Township and the Township Highway Department will be contributing \$2,500 a year for the next 2 years for a total of \$5,000.

### **f. Reminder on Sexual Harassment Training**

Supervisor Starostovic thanked all the employees and Officials that have completed their mandatory Sexual Harassment Training and reminded the Board that those who have not yet completed their training, that they have till the end of December to complete it.

### **g. Report on Proposed Lake County Trash & Leaf Burning**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the County is still evaluating a county-wide leaf burning ban and that the issue will be coming back to the Public Works Committee in January with possible recommendations on how to handle landscape waste on larger lots.

### **h. Any Other Old Business**

None

## **10. New Business**

### **a. Fox Lake Lakefront Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that she was a member of recent taxing body board meeting to discuss and vote on support for TIF Districts for the Village of Fox Lake. There will be more information to come on the subject as it goes through the process with the Village of Fox Lake.

10 b. Consider Motions to:

\*Discuss and Approve Roof Repairs to Garage

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the parking garage roof is over 20 years old and needs to be replaced. There was discussion and the Board agreed that the roof needs replacing and that the motion should include an overage limit. Trustee Fischer made a motion to approve the contract for \$11,785.37 but not to exceed \$14,500 for roof replacement. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further comment or questions the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

\*Approve Township Tax Levy Ordinance for Tax Year 2021/2022

Supervisor Starostovic thanked the Trustees and Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers for all their hard work on the levy Motion by Trustee Selle to approve the Township Levy for 2021/2022, seconded by Trustee Lippert. Discussion ensued. Trustee Lippert stated that he wanted to officially thank Assessor Jeri Barr and Deputy Assessor Lisa LaMantia for facilitating a special meeting with him to explain the impact new construction has on the levy. There being no further comments the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

\*Approve Road District Tax Levy Ordinance for Tax Year 2021/2022

Supervisor Starostovic presented to the Trustees the proposed Tax Levy for the Road District, as Highway Commissioner Kim Kiesgen was unable to attend the meeting. Motion by Trustee Selle to approve Road District Tax Levy for 2021/2022 Motion by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further comments or questions the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

\*Approve a Donation for the Fox Lake Lions Club Candy Day Fundraiser

Supervisor Starostovic commented on the worthy cause of the Lions Fundraiser and that we have always contributed in the past. Motion by Trustee Selle to approve a \$100 donation. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further comments the vote was called:

Ayes: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

\*Approve Donation to SEDOL Foundation

Supervisor Starostovic reported that we have received a request from SEDOL for a donation. Discussion ensued and the Trustees decided to table. No action was taken by the Board.

\*Approve and Authorize a Resolution for Submittal of Application for CDBG funds

Supervisor Starostovic presented the application for CDBG Funds for township road projects. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve submittal, seconded by Trustee Selle. Discussion ensued. There being no further comments or discussions the vote was called:

Ayes: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

\*Approve and Authorize Payment to Ingleside Auto

Supervisor Starostovic stated that the Highway District has replaced tires and has done maintenance on some of their fleet with Ingleside Auto for the amount of \$10,337.31. Motion by Trustee Selle to approve payment, seconded by Trustee Lippert. Discussion ensued. There being no further comments or discussion the vote was called:

Ayes: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

10 c. Other New Business

Supervisor Starostovic announced that there will be a new State Holiday starting June 19, 2023 to celebrate Juneteenth.

**11. OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Selle reported that many businesses are having problems finding workers lately. Trustee Lippert wished all the employees and officials at Grant Township Happy Holidays. Trustee Fisher also wished everyone a happy, healthy Holiday Season.

Township Clerk Report:

Clerk Martini gave an update on the new Lake County map and its impact to old district 5, which will now divide Grant Township into 3 separate County Board Districts.

Assessors Report:

Assessor Barr thanked the Officials for the years they worked together. Assessor Barr stated she will miss all the staff and that she worked very hard to help taxpayers in the Township to try to keep taxes low. Supervisor Starostovic thanked Assessor Barr for the extra time and effort she gave to the community. The Trustees also thanked Jeri Barr for her dedication.

Highway Commissioner Report:

Since the Highway Commissioner was unable to attend tonight's meeting a highway report done by the Highway Commissioner was read into the record by Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers which gave an update on several different road projects (see attachment).

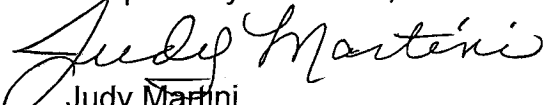
**12. AUDIENCE ( 3 minutes participation )**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Lippert. Voice vote all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Judy Martini  
Grant Township Clerk