

## Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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 Lake County, ss }  
 Town of Grant, }

February 16, 2021  
 Board Minutes - Final

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on January 15, 2021.

**Attendees:**

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	x__ Present	___ Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Bob Selle	___ Present	__x Absent
	Tom Lippert	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Karen Fischer	x__ Present	___ Absent
Clerk:	Judy Martini	x__ Present	___ Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as chairperson, Nancy Rogers as Deputy Clerk, Judy Martini 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, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic  
 Absent: Trustee: Selle (attended via phone)  
 Also present: Deputy Clerk Rogers

**4. Audience**

None

**5. Motion to Approve Minutes**

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:  
 Aye: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic  
 Nay: None  
 Motion Carried

**6. Motion to Approve Bills**

Trustee Fischer made a motion to approve the bills list dated January 2021, in the amount of \$414,694.36; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further questions or discussion, the vote was called:  
 Aye: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic  
 Nay: None  
 Motion carried

**7. Motion to Approve Investment Report**

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the Investment Report in the amount of \$4,230,863.43 dated January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion or comments, the vote was called:  
 Aye: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic  
 Nay: None  
 Motion carried

**8. Miscellaneous**

Supervisor Starostovic announced Judy Martini as the Township new clerk replacing Barbara Schau who has stepped down. Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers administered the oath to Judy Martini, as the new Township Clerk. Trustees and Supervisor Starostovic welcomed her.

## 9. Old Business

### a. Report on Building and Grounds:

- Supervisor Starostovic stated that the water heater replacement completed on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> went well. The next needed project is moving the water softener from the storage room into the utility room, which may cost between \$2,000-\$3,000. Supervisor Starostovic commended the Township Road Crews for the great job they have been doing with snow removal and stated they have been working very hard to keep our roads safe.

### b. Update on Easter Event:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that a March 27<sup>th</sup> date has been selected for the "Drive thru Bunny Wave" event which will take place from 11:00-1:00 here at the Township office parking lot. The Village of Fox Lake will be partnering with the township as the Village will be supplying the candy and the Easter eggs. The drive thru event will be replacing the Township Easter Egg Hunt. The event will be structured similar to the successful Halloween drive-thru event that the Township had for the children in 2020. The Lakemoor Explorers will be volunteering to do traffic control for the event. The flyers and communication pieces are in the works for the event.

### c. Discussion on Tax Rate Objection Complaint from Lake County for the 2019 R.E. Taxes:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that she has been in discussion with the Township Attorney and some type of compromise might need to happen on this issue.

### d. Update on the Molidor Rd. Bike Path:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that a payment has been made by the Village of Volo. There is still a shortage of \$4,444 for the project from the Village of Volo, But Supervisor Starostovic stated that the matter is finally settled and that Chicago Title usually holds back 10% title costs. Supervisor Starostovic also commended Highway Road Commissioner Kim Kiesgen and her crew for the great job they're doing keeping the Molidor Road path plowed as many children and adults use the path.

### e. Review letter from a resident on DOJ Complaint on behalf of Grant Township Residents:

Supervisor Starostovic stated that the Township received a large packet of information from a resident pertaining to the Chain O'Lakes flooding and that a complaint was filed to the DOJ alleging various operational issues. Clerk Martini stated that she also along with many others received the same packet and that it was turned over to Lake County Storm water Management and the Fox Waterway Agency for their comments on the allegations in the packet.

### f. Any Other New Business:

- None

## 10. New Business

a. Consider motion to approve (GRA) George Roach & Associates P.C. for accounting and audit practices, not to exceed \$8,750 yearly. There was no further discussion.

Motioned by Trustee Lippert, seconded by Trustee Hamm to approve GRA contract

Aye: Trustee's Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

Approve Agenda for April 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Supervisor Starostovic commented that there is still some questions on the legality of open meetings because of COVID, but a date needs to be in place to meet the OMA. There was no further discussion.

Motion by Trustee Lippert, seconded by Fisher

Aye: Trustee Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

### b. Any Other New Business

- Supervisor Starostovic informed Board about the travel team's usage of ball fields and the need to be fair in allowing teams to play. There is a large numbers of children utilizing fields from the Wauconda area because of all the growth in Wauconda and Volo. Supervisor Starostovic recommended that everyone will need a certificate of insurance for safety reasons and that the land was purchased thru an OSLAD grant and that funding should not be jeopardized and that we are extremely lucky to have such a nice area for the children to play. Football will start March 7<sup>th</sup> and there is a need to do spring football so the 8<sup>th</sup> graders have a chance to utilize fields Supervisor Starostovic stated .The first game will be 4/17 and will be played until Memorial Day. The Township usually plans a family day and we will have to watch the usage of fields so that football is no conflict.

10B continued

Supervisor Starostovic also reported that she had been contacted by Lake County Government on the PPE requirements and also gave an update on the Pop-Up Food Market February 20<sup>th</sup> which will be held at a new location in front of the Storage facility parking lot on the corner of Rt. 12 & Rt. 134 in Fox Lake.

Supervisor Starostovic also commented that she is recommending that the Northern Illinois Food Bank to cut delivery from 1,000 to 750 at the upcoming food market so there will not be as much food left over as the last few times.

Supervisor Starostovic also commented on the generosity of Congressman Brad Schneider who has personally given donations every few months to help Grant Township Food Pantry.

#### **11. Officials' Reports**

##### **Supervisor:**

- Supervisor Starostovic stated that she is still working on the entrance sign and it is recommended to select C.

#### **12. Audience**

None

#### **13. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Fischer made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Lippert. The vote was called;

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm..

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini  
Grant Township Clerk