Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

State of Illinois,

Lake County, ss.

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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Town of Grant,

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on February 15, 2022

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	_xPresentAbsent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm Bob Selle	_x Present Absent _x Present Absent
	Tom Lippert • Karen Fischer	_x Present Absent Present x Absent
Clerk:	Judy Martini	_x_ Present Absent

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

1.- 2. Call to Order and Pledge: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials:

The roll was called:

THE TOIL Was Called.

Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert and Supervisor Starostovic

Absent:

Trustee Fischer

Also Present: Assessor Lisa LaMantia and Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers

4. Audience (3 minutes participation) There was no comments from the audience.

5. Approval of minutes:

a. Any Additions or Corrections: None

A motion was made by Trustee Selle to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022 Board meeting as presented, and seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the roll was called:

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Trustee Selle to approve the executive session minutes of January 18, 2022 as presented, and seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the roll was called:

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

Nay: None Motion carried

6. Motion to approve bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Selle to approve the bills from January 1st, 2022 to January 31st, 2022 in the amount of \$257,849.04 seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None Motion carried

7. Motion to approve investment report:

A motion was made by Trustee Selle and seconded by Trustee Lippert to accept the investment report as of January 31st, 2022 in the amount of \$4,975,902.47 as presented.

There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

a. Joseph Brusseau, Hitchcock Design Group Presentation

Supervisor Starostovic reported that there is interest in the Township pursuing estimates and grants to build a splash pad for Township residents. Supervisor Starostovic introduced Joe Brusseau from the Hitchcock Design Group. Trustee Lippert reported that he has done much investigating on the subject and found that the Hitchcock Design Group has much experience with designing splash pads and highly recommended the Hitchcock Design Group for their success in acquiring grants

Joseph Brusseau reported to the Board that his firm has 3 offices with the nearest one in Naperville and has 38 years of experience of parks and recreational planning. His firm has planned over 600 projects with a 92% success rate in grant funding.

Discussion ensued. Trustee Lippert reported that he has also been in contact with Water Odyssey who has built many splash pads and that they also highly recommended the Hitchcock Design Group for their designs and successful grant writing capabilities.

b. Thank You from NICASA

Supervisor Starostovic reported that we have received a nice thank you card from NICASA for our recent donations to them.

9. Old Business

a. Building, Grounds & Parks Update

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Maintenance crew is doing a fine job on keeping up with winter projects and snow removal and will be doing some inside painting in the garage and that we might have to invest in an electric wall mounted heater for the garage in the future.

b. Agenda items for Annual Meeting

Supervisor Starostovic reported that a proposed 2022 agenda for the Annual Meeting is being planned for April 12th, 2022 and is in the Trustee's packet and asked if there were any comments or additions to the agenda. Discussion ensued. Several trustee's brought up that we should schedule the Annual Meeting the same time as the rest of our monthly meetings and the general consensus was to schedule our Annual Meeting for April 12th, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

c. Update on New Maps & Precincts

Supervisor Starostovic reported that there is a handout in all the Trustee's packets with a readout of the precincts for Grant Township and turned over the discussion to Clerk Martini. Clerk Martini reported that because of the census the County Maps and precincts had to be redrawn based on census data. Before Grant Township had 16 precincts and effective December will have 18 precincts with many precincts being renumbered. The County Board Districts have been reduced from 21 down to 19 Districts. Supervisor Starostovic commented that effective in December that Grant Township will have 3 County Board Members representing portions of Grant Township.

d. Township Lobby Day April 6th, 2022

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the date for Township Lobby Days in Springfield is April 6th and asked Trustees to RSVP with her if they are interested in attending with her. In the past Supervisor Starostovic stated that Lobby Days have been an effective tool for the township.

e. New Countywide Paratransit Service

Supervisor Starostovic reported that there is a report in all the Trustees packets about the new Paratransit services being offered in the County. Discussion ensued. Trustee Selle asked if this will impact our Township services and Supervisor Starostovic stated that she believes the program shouldn't change the services we offer at the moment & that we have great drivers.

f. Any Other Old Business

None

10. New Business

a. Motion to Discuss & Approve Contract for Future Splash Pad

Supervisor Starostovic reported that as the Township grows, so does the need for services. There is much interest in more services for the children of our Township residents and that a splash pad would be a great service that we can supply for our Township children.

Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Lippert to retain the Hitchock Design Group to create a conceptual design plan for a splash pad to be built on Township property and to pursue on our behalf an OSLAD Development Grant application to help finance project. Seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

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

Nay: None Motion Carried

Motion to Release Executive Session Minutes

Supervisor Starostovic reported that Clerk Martini has done a very good job bringing the executive session minutes up to date and turned over the discussion to Clerk Martini. Clerk Martini reported that minutes once approved would need a separate vote to release the closed executive session minutes. Motion by Trustee Selle to release the approved minutes of the executive session from January 18th, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

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

Nay: None Motion Carried

b. Any Other New Business

None

11. Officials Reports:

Trustee's: None

Assessor: Lisa LaMantia reported that her office has hired a new inspector- starting soon. Clerk: Judy Martini reported that there is information in their packets on the new requirements' on filling in the new economic interest forms that they should be receiving soon and that they need to be filed by May 1st with the County and supply a copy to her for our office records. Supervisor: Supervisor Starostovic reported that there was 21 volunteers that showed up to make the Valentines for Veterans and thanked Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers for her involvement in making the event and Valentines Day extra special for our Veterans.

12. Audience (3 minute participation)

None

13. Executive Session

A. Supervisor Starostovic reported that there was a need to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Lippert to go into executive session. There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

Ave: Trustee Hamm, Selle, Lippert and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried and went into executive session at 6:59 PM

Motion by Trustee Selle to close executive session at 8:57PM and go back into regular board meeting, seconded by Trustee Lippert. The voice vote was called and all were in favor.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:58 PM Trustee Hamm made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion the vote was called.

Aye: Trustee Hamm, Selle, Lippert and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Martini, Grant Township Clerk