

# GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES-FINAL

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 17th 2023, 6:00PM  
26725 W. Molidor Road, Ingleside Illinois, 60041

1. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Starostovic at 6:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Supervisor Starostovic
3. Roll Call: In attendance, Supervisor Starostovic, Trustee's: Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Clerk Martini. Others in attendance Assessor LaMantia, and Assistant Administrator Rogers. Absent: Highway Commissioner Kim Kiesgen.
4. Audience: No public comment.
5. Approval of Minutes:  
Motion to approve minutes of Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as amended by Trustee Hamm, seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor. Motion carried.  
  
Motion to approve minutes of Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Special Call by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Fischer. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Approval of Payment of Bills  
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve bills for the month of December in amount of \$294,120.68, seconded by Trustee Fischer. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Approval of Investment Report  
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve investment report of December 2022 in the amount of \$5,986,173.31, seconded by Trustee Fischer. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Miscellaneous  
Thank you card received from Dale Melby for the Highway Department's good job on project. Thank you letter to Jennifer Vackar for her hard work on general assistance file.
9. Old Business
  - a) Fish Fry  
Discussion on upcoming March 10<sup>th</sup> Grant Township Center Fish Fry to be held at American Legion from 5:00-8:00 with a Silent Auction. Prices are \$10 for adults, ages 6-12 cost is \$5 per child and under 5 years old free.
  - b) Update on Transportation  
Discussion of Pace Van and the Township will let them know if there can be an improvement for access as it's a little hard for some to get seated. Transportation report for 2022 distributed showing ridership, cost per miles and operation costs up from last year.
  - c) Update on Food Pantry & Adopt-A-Family  
Discussion on the increase of those needing food and the increased amounts of pop-up food pantries out there to help families. Township's Adopt-A-Family's served 76 families.
  - d) News Articles  
News articles are due in by 2/1 for our March Township Newsletter.
  - e) Report on Decennial  
No update as TOI is still investigating issue if smaller Townships are exempt.
  - f) Information on Economic Interest  
Discussion on filing of Economic Interest Statements which will be coming due. Supervisor Starostovic must have the list of officials who must file from the Township over to the County for certification, no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.

g) Any Other New Business

Trustee Selle informed the Board that he and Township Attorney Scott Puma have met with Highway Commissioner Kiesgen. Trustee Selle read a letter which Attorney Puma drafted to the Highway Commissioner in which she was informed that she has until Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> to work on a repayment plan for the amount owed on outstanding cell phone bills, come into compliance with the Township gasoline usage policy, gift ban policy, salvage re-imbursments, copies of all intergovernmental agreement to Clerk and storage of personal property policy by updating the Highway Dept. Personnel Handbook and deliver to the Township Clerk. A copy of any correspondence is available thru the Clerk.

10. New Business

a) TOI Scholarship Application

TOIA is accepting applications for high school aged students for \$2,000 scholarships.

b) Proposal for Repair of Trails

Discussion ensued that it was too early to commit to the \$39,880 repair project and that the Township should wait to see if we get our Grant.

c) IRS Standards on Mileage Rates for 2023

Gas re-imbursments for 2023 are 65.5 cents per mile because of increased gas prices.

d) Information on Safety Act

The Lake County Sheriff and States Attorney will be upholding the new State Law. Many other Counties have filed suit against the legislation as being unconstitutional and won't enforce until Courts decide on lawsuits.

c) Review Assessor's Budget for 2022-2023

Assessor LaMantia reported that she has been working with several townships to compare budgets. More money is needed for education of staff and to replace terminals in Assessors budget. There is a small 1.0155% increase in the Assessors budget to offset those needs.

d) Any Other New Business

Assistant Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers reported on the recent Casino trip which was sold out. A great time was had by all. She is working on several other upcoming events.

11. Officials Reports

Trustees: Trustee Selle informed the Board about his daughters career change.

Assessor: Assessor LaMantia reported that Big Hollow released their levy and that they will be using financial reserves to cover higher than expected property tax hike. She also reported that Volo's property tax levy is 14.05% less than 2021 because of anticipated revenue being received from Volo Auto Museum's new entertainment tax.

Clerk: Clerk Martini reported that based on Trustee Lippert's inquiry about format on Township Agenda's that she researched surrounding Townships Minutes and will be updating for upcoming minutes. Trustee Lippert liked Lake Villas & Fremont's format.

Highway Commissioner: Assistant Administrator Rogers read a report from the Highway Commissioner. She has received WMB funds for the Meyers Bay Subdivision project and exploring other opportunities for additional grants for other watershed and road projects. The Department has purchased a new much needed stump grinder and trailer. Her department will be taking the mandatory online sexual harassment training soon.

12. Audience Comments (none)

13. Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Lippert, seconded by Trustee Selle to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and to review all closed Executive Session Minutes for the 6 Month Review of Executive Session and to review draft Executive Session minutes from October 18<sup>th</sup> 2022, November 17, 2022 and Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 All in favor and adjourned at 7:45 PM. Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 7:55 PM

14. Motion to approve as amended executive session minutes of October 18, 2022 but keep closed by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Fischer. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve as amended executive session minutes of November 17, 2022 but keep closed by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Lippert. All in favor. Motion carries.

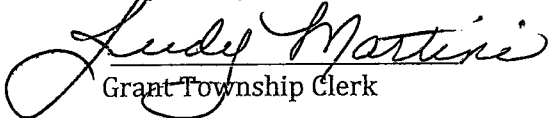
Motion to approve and release executive session minutes of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as presented by Trustee Lippert, seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to keep closed approved executive session minutes of 2/15/2022, 3/15/2022, 3/28/2022, 4/26/2022, 5/17/2022, 6/21/2022, 7/19/2022, 8/16/2022, 9/20/2022, 10/18/2022, 11/17/2022, 12/20/2022 and 6/21/2016 by Trustee Lippert, seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor. Motion carries.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Hamm, seconded Trustee Fischer. All in favor. Motion carries at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Grant Township Clerk