### Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

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

#### July 19, 2022 Board Minutes, FINAL

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on July 19, 2022

Attendees:

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

Kay Starostovic acting as Chairperson and 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: Selle, Lippert; Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: Trustee Hamm

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers

#### 4. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

#### 5. Motion to Approve Minutes of June 21, 2022

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing minutes from the June 21, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees: Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Passed: Trustee Selle

Nay: None Motion carried

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21st, 2022 Board Meeting. 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. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$322,802.20.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

#### 7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the Investment Report as presented in the amount of \$5,799,808.91. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None Motion carried

## 8. Miscellaneous

Supervisor Starostovic reported on several thank you cards received from the Grant Historical Society for a \$100 donation, and a thank you card from Nancy Kubalanza's husband Wally.

#### 9. Old Business

a. Update on Building, Grounds & Park, and Tractor purchase
 Supervisor Starostovic reported that the grounds are in good shape.

#### b. Grant for Splash Pad

Supervisor turned meeting over to Trustee Lippert for his report. The Board was informed of a recent meeting and that we are finalizing a proposal to bring to the Board in August. The OSLAD Grant must be filed by September with a future public meeting being planned.

c. Report on Parades and Senior Picnic

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Fox Lake parade was well attended and that the Township did not participate in the Lakemoor Parade this year. The Senior Picnic was also well attended with over 80 residents. She thanked Nancy Rogers and the employees who worked so hard to make it a successful event. A good time was had by all.

- d. Review of Roof Repair on Concession, Press Box & Shelters Supervisor Starostovic reported with an update of a projected cost of \$15,650 for the improvements which will include rain guards and be of the same quality as the garage.
- e. Update on New tractor Purchase Supervisor Starostovic reported that the new tractor has been ordered which might take several weeks to arrive and that we might have to rent a temporary one if needed.
- f. Any other Old Business None

#### 10. New Business

a. Review of Grant Township 2022 Audit

Supervisor Starostovic distributed the 2022 Audit to the Board for review and informed them that it will be on the agenda for the August Board Meeting and to contact her with any questions.

**b.** Consider Motion to Approve \$15,650 for Roof Repair on Concession and Press Box Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee; Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None Motion Carried

c. Consider Motion to Approve Bid Opening for Highway Department Purchase of a 2023 3500HD Chevrolet Silverado 4WD in the amount of \$48,380 & doc fee & plates Motion by Trustee Selle to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further questions or discussion, the vote was called.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

d. Consider Motion to Approve Censure Resolution

Resolution 2022-01 censuring the Highway Commissioner was discussed. Under the direction from the Township Legal Council a copy of this censure resolution is for immediate release and does not have to wait a month before minutes are approved. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve Resolution 2022-01 censuring Highway Commissioner Kim Kiesgen . Seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee; Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None
Motion Carried
Resolution Attached

e. Any Other New Business None

#### 11. Officials Report

Trustees: reported how appreciative they were to Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers and Supervisor Starostovic and all our employees for all their hard work to make our Senior Picnic a successful event.

Assessor: Assessor Lisa LaMantia distributed a handout that will be printed in our newsletter which explains the property tax extension limitation law. She also gave an update on the new state legislation that affects the taxation process which increases exemption amount for seniors, veterans and those with disabilities. She also stated that our Township levy has been frozen for 10 years.

#### 12. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

13. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and to Review Minutes from 6/21/2022 Motion by Trustee Selle to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and to review 6/21/2022 minutes. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called at 6:58 PM.

Ayes: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nayes: None Motion Carried

The Board came back into Open Session at 7:45 PM. Those present were: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer, Supervisor Starostovic and Clerk Martini.

**14. Motion to Approve Executive Session Minutes of 6/21/2022 but not Release**Motion to approve minutes of 6/21/2022 but not release and keep closed by Trustee Fischer. Seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion or questions the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee Selle. Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nayes: None Motion Carried

15. Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Selle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no discussion, the vote was called by voice vote, all in favor and the meeting was closed at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted, Leady Martine

Judy Martini

Grant Township Clerk

## GRANT TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 01**

# A RESOLUTION CENSURING THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, Kim Kiesgen was elected as Highway Commissioner for the Grant Township for a four (4) year term commencing May 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, following election, Kim Kiesgen has performed the duties of Highway Commissioner from October 7, 2003 until the present day; and

WHEREAS, Kim Kiesgen knew about and enabled former Grant Township Road District employee Dan Lamb to receive compensation from the Township for days that Mr. Lamb failed to perform any work in excess of Mr. Lamb's accrued paid time off; and

WHEREAS, Kim Kiesgen knew about and allowed her husband and former Grant Township Highway Commissioner Jack Kiesgen to use a Township issued cell phone for his personal use from at least 2017 until the present, then submitted a non-itemized bill for all employees to the Township for payment from Road District funds improperly indicating that they were for a road district purpose, which resulted in payment by the Township of at least \$12, 529.86 or more; and

WHEREAS, Kim Kiesgen knowingly submitted a bill dated June 8, 2019 for payment in the amount of \$1,198.98 from Ingleside Auto for payment by the Township Board attesting that the invoice was for road district purposes when the repairs were made to her personal vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Kim Kiesgen admitted to filling her personal vehicle with gas at the Road District's fuel pump and having Road District employees repair her personal truck and change the oil in her personal truck during their work hours on compensated road district time, using Road District equipment; and

WHEREAS, Kim Kiesgen knew about and permitted the storage of her and her husband's personal property, including boats, a canoe, boat motors, lawn tractors, furniture and other items, in a Road District building since 2003 or before, and further used Road District employees during their paid time as Road District employees to remove said property from the Road District building; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing allegations, the Board of Trustees desires to formally censure Kim Kiesgen for her failure to faithfully, fully and honestly perform the duties of the office of Grant Township Highway Commissioner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that KIM KIESGEN is hereby censured for her failure to fully, faithfully and honestly perform the duties of the office of Grant Township Highway Commissioner.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to Kim Kiesgen and the Lake County State's Attorney.

Passed on a roll call vote this /97h day of July, 2022.

PASSED this 19th day of July, 2022 by the Board of Trustees for Grant Township.

APPROVED by the Supervisor on the 19+h day of July, 2022.

Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

Township Clerk

Trustee

Trustee

Robert Hamm - Absent

Trustee

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