

MINUTES GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

JUNE 20th, 2023 AT 6:00pm COMMUNITY ROOM

26725 W. MOLIDOR ROAD, INGLESIDE ILLINOIS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Supervisor Starostovic lead the pledge to the flag.
3. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICIALS:** Present: Supervisor Starostovic, Trustee's: Hamm, Selle, Lippert, and Fischer. Absent: Assessor Lisa LaMantia and Highway Commissioner Kim Kiesgen.
4. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING MAY 16, 2023**
Discussion ensued from the Board of Trustees with several recommended changes. Motion to approve minutes as amended by Trustee Selle. Seconded by Trustee Hamm. All in favor. Motion Carries.
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MAY 16, 2023
Discussion ensued with no recommended changes. Motion to approve as presented by Trustee Selle. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Ayes: Trustee Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic. Trustee Hamm passed. Motion Carries.
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023** Discussion ensued. Trustee Fischer wanted to know why a former Official is still receiving Township paid benefits. Supervisor Starostovic reported she will look into issue further and will report back to the Board. Motion by Trustee Selle to approve May's bills in the amount of \$296,435.95 by Trustee Selle. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion the vote was called. Ayes: Trustee Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic. Nays: None All in favor. Motion Carries.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2023** Motion by Trustee Selle to approve May's investment report in the amount of \$4,879,319.88. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. All in favor. Motion Carries.
8. **MISCELLANEOUS:**
 - A. **Thank You's:** Supervisor Starostovic reported on a thank you from Hannah Trenzise for their Erie Health donation.
9. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Building, Parks & Grounds.** Supervisor Starostovic reported that everything is going well and that our grounds crew are doing a great job. We recently had two minor accidents on the fields. The parts are ordered to rectify situation on the slide. We are still awaiting results from the soil samples taken for the grant project and will let us know what the results are once they come in.
 - B. **Volunteers needed for Fox Lake 4th of July Parade for Grant Township.** Supervisor Starostovic reported that we will have the van again in parade. Discussion ensued. The Township Officials volunteering were Clerk Martini and Trustee Fischer.
 - C. **Any other old business:** None
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Newsletter Needed.** Supervisor Starostovic reported that articles are needed by August.
 - B. **TOI Education Event July 26th in Rockford.** Supervisor Starostovic reported anyone interested should let her know. Discussion ensued.
 - C. **Report on New Eagle Scout Project.** Supervisor Starostovic reported that Jim Miller is the Scout Leader and an Eagle Scout. The Scouts are looking into a project of putting in a walking bridge. They will be responsible for obtaining all permits. The Scouts will be doing a fundraiser to pay for the project.
 - D. **Classes for CPR & AED Training.** Supervisor Starostovic reported that classes will be held July 9th at 9:00AM for our employees and if any Officials interested to let her know.

E. Fire Safety Class. Supervisor Starostovic reported that class will be held July 13th at 10 AM for the Assessor's office employees and Township employees.

F. Any other New Business: None

11. CONSIDER MOTIONS:

A. To Approve Ordinance for Remote Attendance. Supervisor Starostovic reported that a quorum must be physically present in order to attend remotely and that vacations are not a reason for attending remotely. Our attorneys drafted the ordinance. Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor. Motion Carries.

B. To Approve Installation of and Training for Comcast Business Voice. Supervisor Starostovic reported that Assessor LaMantia initiated changing the phone system, which has not been upgraded in over 20 years. It will be a 3 year contract and the training fee is \$999. Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Lippert. Seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called. Ayes: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic. Nays: None. Motion Carries.

C. To Approve the Grant Township Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual For Both the Township & Assessors Office. Supervisor Starostovic reported that Assessor LaMantia has taken all the Trustees Comments into consideration with our Attorney to come up with the final version. Once approved all employees will sign a receipt form and the form will be kept in their personnel file. Discussion Ensued. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. All in favor. Motion Carries.

D. To Approve Hiring David Hetzel as Back-Up Bus Driver. Supervisor Starostovic reported that Mr. Hetzel will be helping with other chores if needed. Motion by Trustee Hamm to approve. Seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor. Motion Carries.

E. To Appoint Attorney James C. Hartman as an Independent Contractor. Supervisor Starostovic reported that Mr. Hartman serves many Townships. Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor. Motion Carries.

12. OFFICIALS REPORTS.

Supervisor: Supervisor Starostovic reported that 180 seconded graders from Big Hollow School had a special event on our grounds May 31st with over 180 kids. She also reported that the Village of Fox Lake is having a ground breaking ceremony for the new boardwalk if anyone is interested in attending.

Clerk: Clerk Martini reported on a recent TOI Zoom Meeting about the Decennial which was very informative. She recommended any Official to attend the lunch to learn educational series, which is free. Clerk Martini reported that one of the questions was in regards to townships passing a donation policy and she will contact TOI for a copy of their resolutions to make sure we are in compliance of State Law.

Trustees: Trustee Selle: Reported he recently saw Mario from Dockers. He also reported about the history of the old board walk in Fox Lake.

Trustee Lippert: Reported that the Township will have to look into policies for our park permitting there are no future conflicts and that we should look into food truck policies.

Trustee Fischer: Thanked Trustee Lippert for all of his input on the park project and is in support of Trustee Lippert looking into new policies for the usage of Township Park areas by residents.

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Trustee Hamm made motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted,


Judy Martini, Grant Township Clerk