

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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Lake County, ss }
Town of Grant, }

March 16, 2021
Board Minutes

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on March 16th, 2021.

Attendees:

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

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as chairperson 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, Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: Trustee: None

Also present: Road Commissioner Kim Kiesgen

4. Audience

None

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the February 16th, 2021 minutes; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic... Trustee Selle abstained

Nay: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills list dated February 2021, in the amount of \$278,128.03; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further questions or discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the Investment Report in the amount of \$4,032,593.76 dated February 28, 2021; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion or comments, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

Supervisor Starostovic asked Trustees if there was any miscellaneous business and there was none.

9. Old Business

a. Economic Interest Reminder::

- Supervisor Starostovic stated that the deadline to file economic interest statements electronically was March 11th with the Lake County Clerk's Office and informed the Board that the deadline to file thru the mail is May 1st. Those who have not filed by May 15th are subject to a penalty of \$100 per day and in addition a \$15 late filing fee.

b. Discussion: Pro Com for additional cameras:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that some cameras are giving off static reception and is looking into cost of new cameras or possibly updated existing cameras. There may be a need for an additional camera in the ball field. Supervisor Starostovic reported that there are currently 11 cameras and the cost is between \$60-\$80 per camera. Supervisor Starostovic will keep the Board updated on any proposal.

c. Update on Entrance Sign:

Supervisor Starostovic reported to the Board that an application for the permit for the replacement sign has been filed with Lake County Building and Zoning and is waiting for finalized approval so the project can go forward.

d. Update on Bunny Wave:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that Bunny Wave will be March 27th and that she has been working on the volunteer list and possibly decorating the Gazebo for the event. Supervisor Starostovic reported that there will be 4 characters dressed in costumes at the event: Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny, a Chick and a Lamb at the drive-thru event and it will be similar to the successful Halloween Drive-thru event.

e. Annual Meeting April 13th, 2021:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the attorney and stenographer has been retained for the upcoming annual meeting and that the meeting cannot be held until after 6:00PM according to State Statute.

f. Newsletter Report:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Grant Township Newsletter was just mailed out to our residents and the cost of the mailing is \$5,200. Grant Township mails out newsletters 3 times a year which goes out to 12,000 residents. Trustee Selle questioned if the Township should look into other avenues of sending out communication pieces, such as growing our E-Newsletter and dropping off hard copies of the newsletter at the senior buildings to help reduce the cost of mailings. Supervisor Starostovic mentioned that she is also looking into having a Grant Township Facebook Page to help grow communications from the Township to our residents. Supervisor Starostovic stated we have the option of mailing a newsletter.

g. Report on Covid-19 Vaccination Distribution:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Big Hollow School Vaccine Clinic helped 974 residents get the vaccinations they needed, mostly seniors. The date of next event for the second dose at Big Hollow School is March 16th and Supervisor Starostovic thanked the Board and the Village Partners Fox Lake, Lakemoor and Volo and all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the Big Hollow Vaccine distribution a huge success for our communities.

h. Any Other Old Business:

Supervisor Starostovic asked that Board if there was any other old business to be discussed. Trustee Selle reported that the Ball Field usage has been very successful up until the pandemic for the Baseball and Football season.

10. New Business

A. Set Date & Time for Closing of the Books for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Trustee Lippert made the motion to approve the closing of the budget an appropriation for fiscal year 2020/2021 for a special call meeting to be held April 5, 2021 at 5:00 at the Grant Township Center Upstairs Conference Room. Trustee Fischer seconded the motion. There being no further comments or discussion, the vote was called.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

B. Continue Bank Depositories at BMO Harris, PNC & State Bank of the Lakes.

Trustee Selle made the motion to approve. Trustee Fischer seconded motion. There being no further comments or discussion the vote was called:

Ayes: Trustee's Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nayes: None

Motion Carried

10C. Moving of Water Softeners at a Cost of \$1,800.00

Trustee Fisher made the motion to approve. Trustee Selle seconded the motion. Supervisor Starostovic commented that by moving the water softener will help improve water pressure. There being no further comments or discussion the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee's Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nayes: None

Motion Carried

10D. A Resolution Relating to the Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund:

Trustee Lippert made the motion to approve. Trustee Selle seconded motion. Supervisor Starostovic commented that the Township passed a resolution on this matter in 2019, and State is requiring that a new resolution be passed every 2 years. There being no further comments or discussion the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee's Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nayes: None

Motion Carried

10E. Any Other Business

Supervisor Starostovic commented on Girl Scout Cookie Season again and that the Scouts are looking at selling cookies at a drive-thru at the shelter in parking lot. Supervisor Starostovic also gave an update on getting the climbing wall installed and that the tractor that needs to be repaired will cost around \$1,980 to fix and is hoping we can have it fixed prior to summer and our busy season.

Trustee Selle brought up that the Federal Government is sending out additional stimulus funds and the concern that some of the people need more help than others in this economy.

11. Officials' Reports

Supervisor:

Road Commissioner Kim Kiesgen reported that her department was successful in obtaining a \$20,000 Watershed Grant to help clean the outflows of drainage pipes that lead into and from Long Lake and for native plants that will help filter pollutants from entering into the watershed. Road Commissioner Kiesgen also commented on a project on Fish Lake Road and that she has signed a contract with Peter Baker for a bike path and road improvements on Nippersink Road. Trustee Lippert questioned the 20 MPH speed limit on Fish Lake Road and Road Commissioner Kiesgen said that she will look into it.

12. Audience

None

13. Adjournment

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

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

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.