

MINUTES GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

MAY 16, 2023 AT 6:00pm COMMUNITY ROOM

26725 W. MOLIDOR ROAD, INGLESIDE ILLINOIS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:11PM
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, Fischer, Assessor LaMantia, and Highway Commissioner Kim Kiesgen.
Others Present: Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers & Township Case Worker Vackar.
4. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING APRIL 16, 2023**
Discussion ensued from the Board of Trustees with several recommended changes. Motion to approve minutes as amended by Trustee Fischer. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. Supervisor Starostovic & Trustee Hamm passed. All rest in favor. Motion Carries.
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023** Motion by Trustee Selle to approve April's bills in the amount of \$268,405.23 by Trustee Selle. Seconded by Trustee Hamm. All in favor. Motion Carries.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2023** Motion by Trustee Selle to approve April's investment report in the amount of \$5,075,568.30. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. All in favor. Motion Carries.
8. **MISCELLANEOUS:**
 - A. **Thank You's:** Supervisor Starostovic reported on a thank you from Dave Ferrigan's Family for the flowers and thanked everyone for their prayers while she healed from accident. Supervisor Starostovic then called for a moment of silence for prayers for Mario Martinez, and the entire Docker's Family.
 - B. **National Safe Boating Week Proclamation:** Supervisor Starostovic reported that she will be signing proclamation on safe boating week which is a popular issue for our area.
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. They are checking on the fields to make sure they are in good shape.
 - B. **Update on Grant Township Center Grant & NFC. See item 11 A.**
 - C. **Review of employee handbook for Supervisor & Assessor's Office:** Assessor LaMantia reported that she is still working on the handbook and all comments have been given to the Attorney. Her hopes are that we will have a final product at June's Board meeting. Supervisor Starostovic reported that the safety section of the handbook still needs to be reviewed for compliance and should be issued as an addendum.
 - D. **Any other old business:** None
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Assessor LaMantia reported that she is looking into having township polo shirts with our new logo made for her employees and that they are deciding which color scheme to go with.
11. **CONSIDER MOTIONS:**
 - A. **Discuss and Approve Hitchcock Design Group Service Professional Agreement:** Trustee Lippert reported that we will be tying in location of exercise equipment in park project. We were granted an extension until August as there are concerns on storm water drainage and we might have to move some courts. Trustee Lippert also explained the added on charges that contract would not include, which is typical for consultants. Motion to approve the contract for amount of \$108,000 by Trustee Lippert. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. All in favor. Motion Carries.

B. Discuss & Approve a Donation to Erie Family Healthcare. Supervisor Starostovic commented that we have donated to this organization in past and is seeking a \$100 donation to help those less fortunate. Motion by Trustee Selle. Seconded by Trustee Hamm. All in favor. Motion Carries.

C. Discuss & Approve Additional Repair to Batter Boxes, Pitcher's Stride Area, Plus Add Two Ton of Pro's Choice Soilmaster to Infields for \$6,000 to Van's Enterprises. Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve \$6,000 to Van's Enterprises. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. All in favor. Motion Carries.

D. Discuss & Approve Hiring of Susan Stark as Office Clerical Support. Supervisor Starostovic reported that she has already hired Susan Stark to replace Sandy Remmers and that she will be an asset to the Township. Some of the duties that Sandy Remmers previously had will be outsourced temporarily to give Sue Stark more time to learn the job. Motion by Trustee Lippert to hire Sue Stark. Seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor. Motion Carries.

12. OFFICIALS REPORTS.

Supervisor: Supervisor Starostovic reported that 180 seconded graders from Big Hollow School will be having a special event on our grounds May 31st.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen reported that her department plans on spending \$1.1 Million on upcoming much needed road projects and will be going out to bid in June. Discussion ensued in regards to utilities for the Volo's annexation agreement with school.

Assessor: Assessor LaMantia reported that she is looking into a new phone system. Assessor LaMantia also reported Volo just finished the walking path in Terra Springs and that it is very nice and being used. There have been many educational opportunities for her staff. They have completed several courses. There will be a webinar coming up thru TOI on TIFS which she will be attending. Assessor LaMantia recently hired a new employee who has 25 years' experience as a residential appraiser and is helping train her field inspectors in her office. The Baxter appraisal is being analyzed so her office can get correct value on the books. Her staff recently visited Supermix and Ray Chevy to make sure they are being properly assessed. Assessor LaMantia stated that the final assessment books will be going out July 15th to the County.

Clerk: Clerk Martini reported on a recent Open Meeting Act Zoom Meeting held by the Illinois Attorney General's Office she attended and that we need to appoint a person as the Township Designee to take OMA training yearly.

Trustees: Trustee Selle: Reported he is glad we are all back to work. Trustee Selle reported that he had attended Lobby Day at TOI in Springfield. He visited the Representatives Office and left Township business cards with their legislative aides. He also reported that there has been no passing out of literature to children on the importance of Township government. He thought it was something Grant should look into further and will contact TOI to develop the literature.


Trustee Lippert: Commented on the great job our new Assessor LaMantia is doing and thanked her for her hard work.

Trustee Fischer: Thanked Trustee Lippert for all of his input on the park project.

Assistant Administrator: Nancy Rogers reported that we will be having a tour of Milwaukee at the Lavern and Shirley trip on May 17, 2023 and that it should be a good time for residents. She reported several upcoming events: The Lake Geneva Boat trip July 19th, the overnight casino trip Oct 23-24 which is filling up fast, the Four Winds Casino Trip August 7th and the Senior Pizza Party August 17th and our Fall Festival Oct.1st.

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Trustee Hamm made motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted, 

Judy Martini, Grant Township Clerk