

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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 Lake County, ss. }
 Town of Grant, }

May 18th, 2021
 Final Board Minutes

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on May 18th, 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
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 6:10 pm with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials

Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: None

Also Present: Road Commissioner Kim Kiesgen, Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers

4. Audience Representative Kevin Hautzinger of Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the April 20th, 2021 minutes: motion seconded by Trustee Lippert.

Discussion: Trustee Lippert noted that the minutes should specify year 2021. There be no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Agenda Addition to Discuss Potential action to Fill Vacancy in Office and the Payment of Vehicle

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve adding items 11A and 11B to agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fischer

Discussion: Supervisor Starostovic stated that the Township has been in correspondence with the Township Attorney: Keri-Lyn of Ancil and Glink and it was recommended to add item to agenda. Supervisor Starostovic read an email to further explain (see enclosure).

Discussion: Road Commissioner Kiesgen stated that there is a need to add the payment of \$146,448.00 for the purchase to replace a 16 year old dump plow to the agenda because vehicle has to be paid for upon purchase.

There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve monthly bills for month dated April 1st to April 30th 2021 in the amount of \$199,248.18. Motion seconded by Trustee Lippert.

There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried.

8. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve Investment Report dated April 30th 2021 in the amount of \$3,781,843.65: motion seconded by Trustee Fischer

There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried.

9. Miscellaneous

Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. report on MS4 was presented by Kevin Hautizinger who informed the Board on the permitting process on storm sewers and that townships will need to train staff on de-icing protocols because the fines for non-compliance are hefty. Kevin Hautizinger also stated that if any of our staff needs guidance on new protocols that they can always reach out to Mike Warner who recently joined their staff.

10. Old Business

10A. Discuss Daily Operations

Supervisor Starostovic polled the Trustees to get input on opening doors to the public at the Township Buildings. The general consensus was to open back up after June 1st based on what other government offices are doing.

10B. Building, Park and Grounds Report

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the grounds maintenance department is busily keeping the outside of grounds looking well-groomed and the crew will be adding additional landscaping by the new Township sign. The trustees commented that the maintenance crew is doing an exceptional job on keeping the grounds maintained.

10C. Information on Entrance Sign

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the new Township sign is up and it was discovered that there was an error by the company on the Township sign and that the company will correct error at no additional cost to the Township.

10D. Report on Support Letter Regarding Squaw Creek

Supervisor Starostovic reported that she polled other Townships, the Village of Fox Lake and the Fox Waterway Agency that are within the Squaw Creek Watershed and many are not willing to sign on with a letter of support on the name change to Manitou. Road Commissioner Kim Kiesgen reported that numerous comments posted on social media are opposed to a name change. All the Grant Township Trustees polled commented that they are opposed to a name change. Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Squaw Creek Drainage District, who started the name change, has already filed their letter of support with the Federal Government.

10E. Set Meeting for Approval of the 2021-2022 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Supervisor Starostovic polled the Board to see if June 15th at 5:30 was agreeable with them for the Budget and Appropriation approval for the years 2021-2022. All Trustees thought that date would work and Supervisor Starostovic said she will set the date for that meeting.

10F. Any Other Business

Supervisor Starostovic asked the Board if there was any other business they would like to discuss and there was none.

11 A. New Business

Consider Motion to Appoint Judy Martini to Fill a Vacancy of the Office of Township

Clerk: Supervisor Starostovic reported there has been communication between the Township's Attorney and the States Attorney in regards to filling the vacancy of the Grant Township Clerk and the Election Process. Supervisor Starostovic read an email into the record and stated that Township Attorney Keri-Lyn has advised them to appoint Judy Martini as Township Clerk.

Trustee Selle made the motion to appoint Judy Martini as Township Clerk. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lippert. Trustee Lippert stated that the law was changed in 2010 and that it was confusing because some can run and others cannot. There being no further questions or discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

Consider Motion To Approve the Payment of a 2021 International Dump/Plow Truck

Model #MV607 at the Cost of \$146,448.00: Township Road Commissioner Kim Kiesgen reported that there is a need to replace the 16 year old utility truck and that the old one was heavily used by the Road Department. Trustee Fischer made the motion to approve the \$146,448.00 purchase. Trustee Selle seconded the motion.

There being no further questions or discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

11B. Grant Township Article from the Prospective

Supervisor Starostovic reported that there was a nice article in the Prospective Magazine about all the Covid Vaccination Clinics that the Township has been involved with. Clerk Martini stated that maybe we should send another article into the Prospective since the Township has helped facilitate over 6,000 vaccines in recent weeks to area residents.

11C. Donation Requests From "A Safe Place" and "Erie Family Health Center"

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Township has received many requests from organizations for donations since Covid has started. The Board was polled to see if interested in donating to A Safe Place and Erie Family Health Center. The general consensus from the Trustees was that these organizations are 501C-3 affiliates and that they probably qualify for federal assistance thru Cares Act funding.

11D. Any Other Business

None

12. Officials' Reports

Supervisor Starostovic informed the Trustee's that she is taking a vacation to be with family and will be gone till June 1st and if they had any questions in the interim to contact Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers in her absence.

13. Audience (3 minute participation)

None

14. Executive Session

Supervisor Starostovic stated that an executive session would not be needed.

15. Adjournment

Trustee Hamm made the motion to adjourn at 7:21. Trustee Fischer seconded motion.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully,



Judy Martini, Grant Township Clerk