

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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Lake County, ss }
Town of Grant, }

November 17, 2022
Board Minutes-FINAL

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on November 17, 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	__ Present	x__ Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as chairperson and Nancy Rogers as Deputy 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; Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: Trustee Hamm, Clerk Martini

Also present: none

4. Audience

- None

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Lippert noted a couple of spelling errors. Corrections will be made.

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the October 18, 2022 minutes with corrections as stated; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle reviewed a couple of the bills. Answers were given to official's satisfaction.

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills dated October 18, 2022 through November 30, 2022 in the amount of \$328,728.39; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees, 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 dated October 31, 2022 in the amount of \$6,818,430.52; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion or comments, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

- None

9. Old Business

a. Building & Grounds Report

- Supervisor Starostovic reported that the field sprinklers were shut off for the winter. Highway Department took down the light pole flags. No word on the Grant that was applied for. Maintenance department winterized the grounds.

b. Information on the Decennial Committees

- Supervisor Starostovic gave out paperwork from TOI about setting up a Decennial Committee. After discussion the board agreed not to proceed without the committee giving direction. Trustee Lippert gave statement on the outline of what has to be done and it has to be completed every 10 years.

c. Review of Supervisor’s Township Tax Levy

- Supervisor Starostovic passed out additional paperwork to the board from Assessor LaMantia. It was stated that the Assessor will give an explanation at the next meeting. Discussion was made on the two proposed levies. First levy is with freezing the levy for another year. It was stated that the Township has not increased their levy in 12 years. Supervisor Starostovic had met with the accountant to review our budget. Accountant stated that with the increases in product and services that we need to consider a slight increase. Second proposed levy is with a 4.999% increase. Supervisor asked the board to review both options and the levy will be passed at the December 20th board meeting. The board agreed that they were pleased that they could keep the levy at the same amount for the 12 years but will review and discuss at the next meeting.

d. Review of Highway Department Township Tax Levy

- Highway Department’s proposed levy includes the 4.999% tax increase. Trustee Selle stated that highway department has higher costs to operate. The Board will review and motions to pass levy will be at the December 20th meeting.

e. Volunteers for Community Parades

- Supervisor Starostovic reported that the maintenance department were all going to be gone during the Thanksgiving holiday. Instead of a float Supervisor Starostovic arranged for the Township’s new van to represent the township. Our name is on the sides and it will be decorated. Supervisor Starostovic asked for volunteers to walk and give out candy in the Village of Fox Lake’s parade Saturday November 26th.

f. Update of Transportation

- Supervisor Starostovic advised the board that the new PACE van was in our parking lot and how nice it is. It will hold two wheelchairs and you can stand up in it.

g. Any Other Old Business

- None

10. New Business

a. Consider Motion:

- To Approve 2023 Holiday Calendar

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the 2022/2023 Holiday Calendar; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

- To Approve 2023 Township Board Meetings

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the 2022/2023 Township Board Meeting Calendar; seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

- To Approve Holiday Cards & Employee Lunch

Supervisor Starostovic asked the board for approval for a \$50.00 Jewel gift card for the employees and an employee lunch at a local restaurant along with the board. Trustee Selle asked if they could invite or offer to the employees of the highway department to join the township and assessor’s employees for the holiday luncheon.

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve \$50.00 Jewel gift card and holiday luncheon for the employees on December 22nd at a local restaurant; seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees, Selle, Lippert, Fischer, Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion carried

b. Any Other New Business

Supervisor Starostovic advised the board that the General Assistance to a qualified resident has been raised from \$322.00 to \$350.00.

11. Officials' Reports

Supervisor:

- Supervisor Starostovic reported large donations have been received from the Village of Volo and the Grant High School for the food pantry.
- Supervisor Starostovic stated that the turkey dinners that were donated to the Township were all given out to residents in need for Thanksgiving.
- Supervisor Starostovic reported that Insurance Liability renewal went up \$300.00 this year.

Trustees

- Trustee Selle reported on the TOI Conference. Trustee Selle stated that Steve Ford, son of President Gerald Ford was the Key Speaker and told personal stories. Trustee Selle stated that the classes were good and that a judge gave a 1 hour good civic class regarding volunteers going to school etc to get information out. Trustee Selle stated he talked to officials about getting motivational material to schools about how Townships work.
- Trustee Selle stated that a neighbor was burning leaves and another neighbor called the Fire Department which came and asked the neighbor to put the fire out.
- Trustee Selle reported about a local resident was killed in a car accident and a fund raiser for her would be coming up.
- Supervisor Starostovic reported on some of the good information she picked up at the TOI Conference and also stated that the housing is the problem in Lake County.
- Trustee Fischer – none
- Trustee Lippert stated that he recommends going forward for approval on policies for the highway department. Legal council recommended to send policies to the auditor for approval. Trustee Lippert stated that the recommendations should be implemented.

Deputy Clerk:

- Deputy Clerk Rogers reported on the Adopt A Family program that the Township sponsors to help residents that need help at Christmas. Families will be receiving gift cards donated by local residents along with receiving a whole Christmas dinner.
- Deputy Clerk Rogers stated that the Senior trip to Fireside Theatre the day before was enjoyed. A wonderful lunch and the White Christmas theatre show.

12. Audience

Michael Shields of Ingleside read statement regarding a concrete pole that fell in his yard in 2020. Mr. Shields then stated another concrete pole fell blocking his neighbor's driveway. Mr. Shields stated that several phone calls were made to Com Ed. When a pole on March 30, 2022 was replaced it functioned for a few days. When Com Ed came back to turn on light Mr. Shields stated that neighbors did not want the lights turned on and a highway department employee came out and told ComEd not to turn on per the Highway Commissioner. On November 16th Sievert Electric had to come turn on and stated that it is the townships responsibility to maintain the poles. Mr. Shields submitted a typewritten statement and requested it to be put on record.

Charles Buscheck of Ingleside requested a copy of the Board Meeting Schedule for 2023. Mr. Buscheck complimented the service of the Township Highway Department. Mr. Buscheck stated that when they were working on Big Hollow Road the dust was horrible. Mr. Buscheck stated that after the final coat was put on road there has been a lot more speeding. Mr. Buscheck also stated that the law enforcements have been sitting in the area.

13. Executive Session

Trustee Lippert made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personel; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. The vote was called;

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

Nay: None

Board entered into Executive Session at 7:07pm

The Board reconvened meeting at 7:43pm with no action taken.

There was discussion on the proposed levies. Trustee Lippert noted that there would be additional costs on the park.

14. Adjournment


Motion by Trustee Fischer to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further business or discussion the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer, Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Rogers", written in a cursive style.

Nancy Rogers
Deputy Clerk