

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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Town of Grant, }

November 17, 2020
Board Minutes

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on November 17, 2020.

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:	Barbara Schau	___ 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 Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: Clerk Schau

Also present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen, Deputy Clerk Rogers

4. Audience

None

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

There was a review of the discussion from the October meeting for the Motion to Approve Officials Salaries for 2021-2024 (2025 for Assessor). Trustee Selle, Trustee Lippert, Trustee Hamm & Supervisor Starostovic recommended that the clerk's salary would remain the same as the past 4 years. The agreed amount of the other Official Salaries would stay as discussed in October. Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the recommendation for the Official Salaries for the 2021-2024 (2025 for Assessor) as discussed tonight: motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. A motion to approve the Resolution would be made later tonight.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the October 2020 minutes with amendments; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills list dated October 2020, in the amount of \$370,661.35; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further questions or discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the amended bill list dated September 2020, in the amount of \$584,401.42; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further questions or discussion, the vote was called:

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

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the Investment Report in the amount of \$5,060,721.93 dated October 31, 2020; 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

None

9. Old Business

a. Building and Grounds Update

- Supervisor Starostovic stated that the garage has been insulated.
- Bids have been received for the new entrance sign.
- Northern Aire has been contacted for an appraisal for roof vent repair

b. Update on Drive Thru Trick or Treat

All agreed that the event was very successful. Received good compliments from the community. Everyone was thanked for all the hard work and participation.

c. Conference Update

Being that the Annual Conference has been cancelled this year due to Covid, the sessions will be held by visually. Supervisor Starostovic will be attending online from 9:30am – 1:30 and will watch sessions every day.

d. Report on Pop-Up

Supervisor stated that the Pop-Up held at Grant Township on November 14th at Grant High School had 890 vehicles come through. The next Pop-Up scheduled at Grant High School is December 12, 2020 from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

e. Any Other Old Business

None

10. New Business

a. Consider Motions:

- To Approve Gift Cards for Christmas/Luncheon

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve a \$50.00 gift card at Jewel for employees and the Christmas luncheon to be held in the Township Community room; motion was seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

- To Approve 2021 Holiday Calendar

Trustee Fischer made a motion to approve the 2021 Holiday Calendar; motion was seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

- To Approve 2021 Board Meeting Calendar

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the 2021 Board Meeting Calendar; motion was seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

- To Approve 2020 Town Levy

Supervisor Starostovic advised Trustees that she had reviewed the proposed Levy with the auditor. It was agreed to freeze the levy with the same figures as previous year. Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the 2020 Town Levy; motion was seconded by Trustee Lippert.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

Trustee Lippert made a recommendation to consider capturing new growth right away for the 2021 Levy. Trustee Lippert stated that it doesn't affect homeowners on the tax roll. The recommendation was concluded to be discussed at a later date.

- To Approve 2020 Highway Levy

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen reported that the Highway Levy would be frozen with the same total amount as last year's levy but with changing a few figures.

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the 2020 Highway Levy; motion was seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

- To Approve Bid Presented by Signarama

Supervisor Starostovic explained the bid by Signarama. The electric is ready. Trustee Lippert clarified that the screen would be changed by remote.

Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the Bid presented by Signarama in the amount of \$23,954.00 and also requested a Certificate of Coverage; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

- To Approve Resolution to Accept Official's Salaries for 2021-2024

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the Resolution to Accept Official's Salaries for 2021-2024 as discussed earlier in the meeting and Resolution being attached to these minutes; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

b. Any Other New Business

Trustee Lippert asked if the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Fox Lake would be taking place.

Supervisor Starostovic stated that she spoke with Parks and Recreation Department and that the parade and tree lighting ceremony would be cancelled this year.

11. Officials' Reports

Supervisor:

- Advised the board that the CPI is 2.3
- A letter regarding refuge was received and would be sent to Highway Commissioner. Highway Commissioner stated that she has spoken to some subdivision regarding this issue. The issue will be discussed at a later date.
- Supervisor Starostovic read letter from General Assistance/Transportation coordinator Ralph Schultz that he would be semi-retiring effective December 15, 2020.

Trustees and Clerk:

- Trustee Lippert complimented the Fall Newsletter.
- Trustee Lippert inquired how the Township would be handling the Adopt a Family program this year with the Covid pandemic. Deputy Clerk Rogers explained that the program would not have the sponsors do the shopping for the recipients but are asking for donations of gift cards that would be given along with the recipient's holiday meal and they would do their own purchases for the children. \$25.00 gift cards for any store are accepted and appreciated.
- Trustee Hamm thanked Highway Commissioner Kiesgen for helping one of his neighbors issues
- Trustee Selle thanked the Board for the plant for his wife Mary that was recuperating from an auto accident that they both were in.
- Trustee Selle made an acknowledgement of the businesses that are suffering during this pandemic.
- Trustee Fischer – no report

Highway Commissioner:

- Commissioner Kiesgen stated that her department had finished all the paving projects from this year.
- Laneville project turned out beautiful.
- Equipment is ready for winter

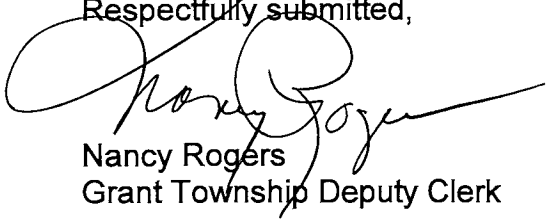
12. Audience

None

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Lippert made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. By voice vote, all Ayes, and no nays, the meeting was closed at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Rogers", written over the typed name and title.

Nancy Rogers
Grant Township Deputy Clerk