

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

State of Illinois,

Lake County, ss. }

Town of Grant, }

October 18, 2022
FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on October 18, 2022

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Bob Selle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Tom Lippert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Karen Fischer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Clerk:	Judy Martini	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent

Ms. 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 6:01 PM with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call

The roll was called:

Present: Trustees: Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: None

Others present: Assessor Lisa LaMantia, Nancy Rogers Administrative Assistant

4. Audience:

There was no audience participation.

5. Approval of Minutes: Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the minutes of meeting from September 20th, 2022 as amended; second by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried.

6. Approval of Bills: Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$248,788.03 for the period ending September 30th, 2022 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

7. Investment Report

A motion was made by Trustee Selle and seconded by Trustee Fischer to approve the investment report for period ending September 30th, 2022 in the amount of \$5,829,479.16 as presented. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried.

8. Miscellaneous

The Township received a letter from resident Diane Kory thanking us for Fall Fest and said that it was very nice and well run and that residents and children looked like they were having a great time.

9. Old Business:

a. Building & Grounds Report

Staff is trying to keep ahead of the weather and irrigation lines will be closed off in November.

b. Report on Fall Festival

A good time was had by all and food vendors reportedly sold out. Trustee Lippert thanked all the staff, the Fire Department and the Highway Department for helping make the event special.

c. Community Service Workers from Stanton School

Several student volunteers helped in Township Food Pantry and helped pull weeds.

d. TOI Conference Parade of Flags Participation

Trustee Selle will be presenting the Grant Township Flag at the conference

e. Annual Financial Audit Report for 2021-2022

There were no changes from the draft report that Trustee's received from GRA

f. Garage Ceiling Completion.

Supervisor Starostovic stated that she has received another bid. Because of the significant difference in bids, the Trustees wished to go forward with the contractor for the improvements. Motion by Trustee Lippert, seconded by Trustee Selle, to suspend our rules to allow a motion for award of the contract. There being no further discussion the vote was called:

Ayes: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carries to suspend the rules

Motion by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Lippert to approve award to CJW Development Company for \$9,750 for garage ceiling completion.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carries

g. Other Old Business

None

10. New Business

a. Motion to Approve Trick or Treat Hours for Township

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Hamm to approve for the unincorporated areas of Grant Township Trick or Treat to be held on October 31st. from the hours of 4:00 PM-7:00 PM. There being no further discussion the vote was called:

Ayes: Trustee Hamm, Sell, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carries

b. Motion to Approve Participation in Fox Lake Holiday Parade November 26th, 2022

Motion by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Hamm to approve participation in Fox Lake Holiday Parade. There being no further comments or questions the vote was called.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carries

11. Officials Reports

a. Supervisor: Supervisor Starostovic reported that we will be preparing next years' levy and that all Trustees should put their thinking caps on regarding this issue.

b. Highway Commissioner: Kim Kiesgen had Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers present her report. Highway Commissioner Kiesgen reported there is a lot going on in her department as they prepare for winter. There will be a bid opening on October 19th for bids for a 2023 Heavy Duty Pick-Up Truck which will be replacing the 2010 pick-up truck. Obenauf Auction services sold the 2005 Utility Truck for \$3,575 which brought in much more than expected. . She has applied for Watershed Management Board Grant for the Meyers Bay Subdivision to correct erosion control. The Fish Lake Road/Bike Path Grant is hopefully coming in Spring of 2023, as there is a hold up on expectations that IDOT wants for the project. The Highway Commissioner has applied for a grant for the much needed Nippersink Road project which IDOT installed counters to meet milestones for specifications. Kim Kiesgen also reported she has received many calls on the leaf burning ban and many residents have stated that they will continue to burn and try to be respectful to their neighbors. A protest is planned for October 29th and the 30th called "Burn Fest" where residents will be burning leaves. The Highway Department would also like to thank Nancy Rogers and all the staff for all their hard work in making Fall Fest a big hit with the residents.

c: Assessor: Assessor Lisa LaMantia reported that her department has finalized the appeal period which had over 196 pins (120 appeals). She also reported that she has hired a specialized commercial appraiser for the Baxter property and is waiting on walking the property yet. She further reported that Big Hollow School and the High School will have 3.7% budget increases for the next year and that we need to watch SB 1975 which deals with exemptions.

d: Clerk: Clerk Martini reported that vote by mail so far has seen a large increase from the primary election and that the voting machine will be delivered this week from the County.

e. Administrative Assistant: Nancy Rogers reported that the Ho Chunk Gaming Trip has 53 participating and will take place this week. She also reminded the Board of the March 10th Township Fish Fry.

12. Audience:

None

13. Executive Session to review minutes of the Special Executive Session Meeting and the Board of Trustee Executive Session Minutes of Sept. 20th, 2022 and to Discuss Personnel
Motion by Trustee Hamm, seconded by Trustee Selle to enter into Executive Session to review minutes and to discuss personnel. There being no further comments the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustees: Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carries at 6:55 PM to go into Executive Session

Board came back into full session at 8:05 PM

14. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of September 20, 2022

a. Motion at Approve but not Release the Executive Session Minutes from the Sept. 20th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Trustee Selle seconded by Trustee Lippert to approve but keep closed the Executive Session minutes from the Sept. 20th 2022 Board Meeting as presented. There being no further discussion the vote was called.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carries

b. Motion to Approve as Amended but not Release the Executive Session Minutes from the Sept. 20th, 2022 Special Executive Session Board Meeting which was held at 4:00 PM

Motion by Trustee Hamm seconded by Trustee Fischer to approve but keep closed the Special Executive Session Minutes from Sept. 20, 2022 as amended. There being no further discussion or questions, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carries

15. Adjournment:

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Trustee Hamm and seconded by Trustee Selle to adjourn the meeting. All in favor and the meeting was closed at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini
Grant Township Clerk