

FINAL MINUTES GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

Nov. 21, 2023 AT 6:00pm COMMUNITY ROOM

26725 W. MOLIDOR ROAD, INGLESIDE ILLINOIS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:01PM by Supervisor Starostovic
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Supervisor Starostovic lead the pledge to the flag.
3. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICIALS:** Present: Supervisor Starostovic, Trustees: Hamm, Selle, Lippert, and Fischer, Clerk Judy Martini, and Assessor Lisa LaMantia, Absent: Highway Commissioner Kim Kiesgen. Other present: Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers
4. **AUDIENCE REMARKS:** Nancy Rogers reported on Florence Fischer lunch Dec. 7th at Marvellas
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE Oct. 17th, 2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES:**
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve the Board of Trustee Minutes from Oct. 17th, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. The vote was called.
Ayes: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer sand Supervisor Starostovic
Nays: None
Abstain: Trustee Hamm
Motion Carries.
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023:**
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve October 2023 bills in the amount of \$343,441.57. Seconded by Trustee Hamm.
Ayes: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic
Nays: None
Motion Carries.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2023:**
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve October 2023 investments in the amount of \$7,748,625.32. Seconded by Trustee Fischer.
Ayes: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic
Nays: None
Motion Carries.
8. **MISCELLANEOUS:** There was none to report.
9. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Building, Grounds, Park & Grant Report**
Supervisor Starostovic reported that mowers & equipment are put away for the winter and that outside crew are working on the float for the Fox Lake Christmas Parade.

Trustee Lippert reported that 100% of design development completed on park project for the Nov. 8th, 2023 meeting. Next parks meeting with consultant is Nov. 28th and at that time 50% of construction documents should be completed. By the Dec. 14th deadline 100% of construction documents should be completed. The Township will go out to bid after January, 2024. We're on track with all the deadlines & needed documents. Discussion ensued on ways of getting the word out to the public on the great plans for the Fields of Dreams.
 - b. **Information on Decennial Report**
The next Decennial Committee meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20th, 2024. Supervisor Starostovic requested that a survey be sent out prior to the meeting asking all members to complete. Discussion ensued. Several Board Members suggested a Townships Long Range Plan and updating the conduct code policy manuals. Several Committee Members suggested that the Township get a Facebook Page to better notify those residents who do not get our E-News Letter.

c. Review of Supervisors Township Levy

It was recommended that since levy item is noted twice on the agenda, that questions and comments will fall under agenda item 11E.

d. Review of Highway Departments Township Levy

The Highway Commissioner was unable to attend the meeting and previously reported she has made herself available as always to any Trustees or residents who may have any comments or questions in regards to the levy or any other services her department handles for the township.

e. Report of donation to SRAGLC

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Townships expended less than \$300 on materials to decorate the tree. It was raffled off for \$750. Assessor LaMantia escorted the Supervisor to the fund raiser dinner at Chevy Chase in Lincolnshire and it was reported a very nice event.

f. Volunteers for the Community Christmas Parades

Supervisor Starostovic polled the Board to check their availability for the Fox Lake Parade.

g. Any Other Old Business: Supervisor Starostovic reported that the new General Assistance benefits have increased for an adult case from \$340 to \$425, a \$75 increase. For a family/ child only case the new amount is \$319, which is down from the previous amount of \$350. A reduction of \$31. For a family case with adult and child, the new amount is \$575 which is an increase from the previous amount of \$400. A \$175 increase.

10. ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS: There was none

11. CONSIDER MOTIONS

a. To approve 2024 Board Meeting Calendar

Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve 2024 proposed Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Seconded by Trustee Selle.

Ayes: Trustee Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic. Motion Carries

b. To approve 2024 Holiday Calendar

Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve as amended, adding an additional paid day off for employees on Dec. 23, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Lippert.

Ayes: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic. Motion Carries

c. To Approve Holiday Cards and Lunch

There will be a Holiday Luncheon for Township Employees & Officials on Dec. 21st at Dockers. As in the past the Township is giving all Township employees gift cards to Jewel. Motion by Trustee Selle to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer.

Ayes: Trustees Hamm, Sell, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic. Motion Carries

d. To approve Dome Camera for the Lower Level Kitchen

Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve expenditure of \$764 to Personal Communications. Seconded by Trustee Selle.

Ayes: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic. Motion Carries.

e. To Approve Grant Township Tax Levy Ordinance for Tax Year 2023

Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve the Township Levy in the amount of \$1,517,840 to be levied upon all property subject to taxation within the Township . Seconded by Trustee Hamm.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries

f. To approve Road District Tax Levy Ordinance for Tax Year 2023

Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve the Township Road District Levy in the amount of \$3,442,290.00 to be levied upon all property subject to taxation within the Road District. Seconded by Trustee Selle.

Ayes: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer ad Supervisor Starostovic.

Nays: None

Motion Carries

12. OFFICIALS REPORTS

Trustee: Selle reported on TOI Annual Conference and the amount of vendors who had booths and reported on the educational sessions available to attendees. Trustee Selle also reported on TOI's attorney's opinions on legality of township government donating to groups. Supervisor Starostovic reported she will be working with our attorney to formalize social service policy and documents so Township can legally donate thru the Townships 501C3.

Clerks Report: Clerk Martini reported that the Lake County Clerk has increased the pay for the different levels of election judges and that they are currently seeking applications. Anyone interested should contact the Lake County Clerk's Office at 847-377-2312. Clerk Martini also reported that she recently attended virtually the TOI Annual Meeting that in the future is hoping that they will ZOOM the break-out sessions.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Starostovic reported on the following:
Retirement Letter and Open House Invite from Sue Glashagel of Prunella's Flower Shoppe.
Thank you letter from Burriss Equipment stating they are being acquired by Alta Equipment Co.
Letter from PACE in regards to their balanced budget
Letter from Wayne Peart requested to be put on a bid list for tree work.
Letter from resident about hazardous road condition caused by drivers in Pickeral Point Sub.
Mayor of Wadsworth Glen Rybacks' sudden death.
Speaker at TOI annual conference was very good and special events where a lot of fun.
Update on New Paid Leave for Workers Act will not affect township employees benefit packages.

Assessors report: Assessor LaMantia reported on the following:
Residential Board of Review Hearings completed.
Commercial Board of Review Hearings will be held 11/21, 11/29 and 12/4.
Her Dept. should be able to wrap up any pending settlement issues by end of year.
Assessor LaMantia attended via Zoom TOI Annual Conference.
The entire Assessors Office will be attending the Lake Co. Township Assessor's Association Annual Meeting Holiday Party on 12/8.
Discussed hand out from Assessor shows tentative tax levy calculations based on tentative EAV.
Distributed email from Lake County Board which approved a 5% tax levy increase.
Big Hollow School District tax levy will be reduced because bond payments are almost over.
Discussed recent newsletter from Village of Volo which included updates on the Fish Lake Road.

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There was none.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Motion by Trustee Hamm to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. All in favor and meeting ended at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Martini, Grant Township Clerk