

# MINUTES GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 17, 2023 AT 6:00 pm COMMUNITY ROOM  
26725 W. MOLIDOR ROAD, INGLESIDE ILLINOIS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Supervisor Starostovic.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was waived because pledge took place at Decennial Meeting
3. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICIALS:** Present: Supervisor Starostovic, Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer, Clerk Martini, Assessor Lisa LaMantia. Absent: Trustee Hamm. Others present: Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers.
4. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** There were none
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**  
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve Board Minutes of September as amended. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Roll call:  
Ayes: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic  
Nays: None  
Motion Carries
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023**  
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve bills for the month of September 2023 in the amount of \$319,152.03. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. Roll Call:  
Ayes: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic  
Nays: None  
Motion Carries.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2023**  
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve Investment Report for the month of September, 2023 in the amount of \$7,690,351.23. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. Roll Call:  
Ayes: Trustees: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic  
Nays: None  
Motion Carries
8. **MISCELLANEOUS**  
There was no miscellaneous business to discuss.
9. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A) **Report on Fall Fest**  
Supervisor Starostovic informed Board that this year's Fall Fest was very well attended. Over 1500 people attended. She thanked the Township Team for making the event a huge success.
  - B) **Building, Parks, Grounds and Grant Project**  
Supervisor Starostovic reported that the grounds look good. Trustee Lippert reported that we are currently in the design development phase of the project. According to the schedule from the Hitchcock Group that between 10/16-10/20/2023, 100% of the design development plans will be completed and will be under review with staff and the Committee. The construction and document phase according to schedule between 10/23-11/10/2023, will consist of preparing the construction drawings.
  - C) **TOI Parade of Flags Conference**  
Trustee Selle reported that he will be the Townships Representative for the flag conference.
  - D) **Discuss Trick or Treat Hours**  
Supervisor Starostovic reported that trick or trick hours for the unincorporated areas of Grant Township will be on Halloween Day from 4-7 PM. Village areas follow the Village hours & days.

**E) Set Tax Levy Meeting Date**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that we are now compiling tax levy information. The levy meeting will be held prior to our Nov. 21st Board Meeting and will be scheduled for 5:30 PM.

**F) West Nile Virus Information**

Supervisor Starostovic reported there has been a reported West Nile Virus case in Lake County.

**G) Discuss TOIRMA Insurance Proposal**

Supervisor Starostovic stated we are working with TOIRMA for Township Dept. insurance proposal and that the Highway Commissioner is authorized by law to select the insurance for the Road District.

**H) Discuss Fuel Usage & Reimbursement Policy**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Township will get current reports on gas from Highway Department.

**I) Any Other Old Business.** There was none.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Proposed Lakefront Park Beach**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Village of Fox Lake plans are moving along well.

**B) SEDOL One Special Night Event**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that there will be a fundraiser on November 11 at Lehman Mansion. Tickets are \$125 if anyone is interested.

**C) Any Other New Business.** There was none

**11. CONSIDER MOTIONS:**

**A) To Approve Participation in Area Holiday Activities**

Motion to approve Township participation in Fox Lake, Lakemoor and Volo Holiday activities by Trustee Lippert. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

**B) To Discuss & Approve Holiday Tree Donation for the Festival of Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County Foundation Fundraiser.**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that this organization helps over 11 children in the Valley Lakes, Remington and Fox Lake areas and that they are seeking a decorated Christmas tree donation which will be raffled off for their fundraiser. Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve an expense up to \$300 for a decorated tree. Seconded by Trustee Selle. Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

**12. OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Starostovic reported on the following items:

\*A thank you card received from one of the vendors at Fall Fest

\*Thanked Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers and all the staff for Fall Fest hard work

\*November 5<sup>th</sup> Volo Village Board Meeting

\*Two upcoming zoning change proposals for Village of Fox Lake

**CLERK REPORT:**

Clerk Martini reported that there are several online seminars available thru the Attorney General's Office on the Open Meetings Act and FOIA requests if anyone interested. The Lake County Clerk's Office is having a contest for students to design a new "I voted" sticker. TOI is offering an online zoom conference for their annual meeting on November 3, 2023 for \$99.



**TRUSTEE'S REPORTS:**

Trustee Selle reported that he is still looking into literature which highlights Township Government that could be distributed State Wide at Schools. TOI Executive Director Crabtree stated that TOI already has literature available. Trustee Selle is still looking into issue more.

**ASSESSORS REPORT:**

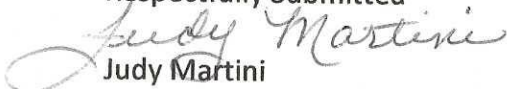
Assessor LaMantia reported that the Board of Review hearings begin October 21<sup>st</sup>. We anticipate 3-4 days of residential hearings. The commercial hearings will begin after 11/14. The TrueRoll exemption analysis program purchased by the Lake County CCOA recaptured \$244,000 in assessed value for Grant Township for 2022, and recovered \$416,000 in assessed value for 2023, to date. This results in about \$62,370 in tax dollars back to the levying tax bodies, and indirectly savings to taxpayers. Overall, Lake County has been able to reclaim \$813,897 in tax dollars from unwarranted exemptions. We are still working with the County and continually reviewing exemptions here in our office. Our staff are very busy assisting residents with their questions.

**13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** There was none

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Trustee Selle to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. Voice vote and all in favor. Meeting ended at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted

  
Judy Martini

Grant Township Clerk