

MINUTES GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 6:00pm COMMUNITY ROOM

26725 W. MOLIDOR ROAD, INGLESIDE ILLINOIS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Supervisor Starostovic.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Supervisor Starostovic lead the pledge to the flag.
3. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICIALS:** Present: Supervisor Starostovic, Trustee's: Selle, Lippert, Fischer, Clerk Martini, Assessor Lisa LaMantia. Absent: Highway Commissioner Kim Kiesgen, Trustee Hamm. Others present: Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers.
4. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** There were none
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2023**
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve minutes of August 15, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Roll call:
Ayes: Trustee's Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic
Nays: None
Motion Carries
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 2023**
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve bills for the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$305,919.75. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Roll Call:
Ayes: Trustee's: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic
Nays: None
Motion Carries.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 2023**
Motion by Trustee Selle to approve Investment Report for the month of August, 2023 in the amount of \$6,605,327.38. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Roll Call:
Ayes: Trustee's: Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic
Nays: None
Motion Carries
8. **MISCELLANEOUS**
There was no miscellaneous business to discuss.
9. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A) **Update on Building, Grounds & Parks**
Supervisor Starostovic informed Board that staff has been busy maintaining the grounds
 - B) **Update on Eagle Scout Project**
Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Scouts have built a bridge south of the Football Field and distributed pictures. The Scouts may be at our October 17th Board Meeting.
 - C) **Discussion on October 1st Fall Fest**
Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers reported that she has received many requests from vendors to participate in the craft show and spots will be full. She also polled the Board to see who can help volunteer during the event. Discussion ensued about parking.
 - D) **Report on OSLAD Grant & Update on Changes on Pickle Ball Court**
Trustee Lippert reported that he and the committee will be meeting with the Hitchcock Group on Sept. 20th to go over plans and looking into possibilities of adding an additional pickle ball court for a total of 4. Some courts may need to be shifted on plans and he will discuss with the Hitchcock Group. Discussion ensued about water supply and the Board seemed to think we need to discuss issue more. Trustee Lippert also reported that the Board will need to work on regulations for usage of courts so there is no conflicts. Discussion ensued on how popular pickle ball has become.

E) Set Date to Meet With Insurance Representative from TOIRMA

Trustee Selle reported this may save the Township some money. A representative may be out in November to meet with Board. Supervisor Starostovic will discuss issue with our Township Attorney prior to the meeting as the Board brought up several legal issues.

F) OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Starostovic reported that our October Board Meeting may have too much on agenda with the Scouts and the Queens coming to the meeting. She will look into having a separate Decennial Meeting. Clerk Martini stated that notice should be sent out to the Committee Members seeking their input on what the Townships accomplishments and how to improve services. Trustee Selle brought up the need to look into a better system to track fuel usage at the pumps over by the Highway Department.

10. NEW BUSINESS: There was none

11. CONSIDER MOTIONS:

A) To Approve BCBS Insurance Contract

There is a minimal increase to employees cost. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee's Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

B) To Approve Participation in Fox Lake Senior Resource Fair

Motion by Trustee Selle to approve participation on October 19th. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee's Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

C) To Approve a Donation to the TOI Conference

Supervisor Starostovic reported that TOI is seeking donations for their raffle at the annual conference. Discussion ensued on acquiring a family pass to Volo Auto Museum for the raffle. Motion by Trustee Selle to approve expenditure not to exceed \$200 for a family pass. Seconded by Trustee Lippert.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee's Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

D) To Approve Parking Lot Repairs by Superior Paving for \$5,860

Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee's Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

E) To Approve Turf Cleaning & Inspection by Perfect Turf for \$1,459.80

Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee's Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

F) To Approve Update on Surveillance Camera's

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the cameras need updating. Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve \$5,270.10 expenditure. Seconded by Trustee Selle. Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee's Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

G) To approve \$750 donation to Eagle Scouts, Hayden Lundberg for the Bridge Project
Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. Roll Call:
Ayes: Trustee's Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic
Nays: None
Motion Carries

H) To review, Approve and Release Executive Session Minutes from 8/15/2023
Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve and release executive session minutes from 8/15/2023 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Selle. Roll Call:
Ayes: Trustee's Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic
Nays: None
Motion Carries

12. OFFICIALS REPORTS

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Starostovic reported on the following items:

- *2 more request for AirBnB in the Village of Fox Lake
- *Stanton School Day of Service Sept. 22nd
- *Fox Waterway Agency Meeting on Watershed Planning Sept. 21st
- *EMA looking for volunteers
- *letter from Ryan Pilcher on disc golf course issue
- *Mosquito Abatement Program
- *TOI Conference

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Martini reported that she recently attended the Lake County Municipal League Clerks Division meeting in Waukegan with guest speaker Lake County Clerk Anthony Vega and gave an Overview of the meeting.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS:

Trustee Selle reported that rooms might be available for the TOI conference. He also stated he is still looking into having literature made up with the help of TOI which highlights Township Government and could be distributed State Wide at Schools.

ASSESSORS REPORT:

Assessor LaMantia reported that the real estate assessment appeal process started August 31st and runs thru October 2nd. Her Department has been busy helping residents with their assessment questions. She has received a large FOIA request from an attorney seeking data for the entire Emerald Bay Townhomes and Remington Trails Townhomes which will take some time to collect all the data they are seeking. On October 4th there will be a PTAB Hearing on the Ben Watts Marina, which Assessor LaMantia will report back to the board on. The General and Senior Homestead exemptions will be increasing from 6,000 AV and 5,000 AV respectively to 8,000 AV each. This will have an impact in Grant Township of approximately \$20 Million loss in assessed valuation. The Consumer Price Index is expected to be 6.5%. This will mean the PTELL limitation will again be 5% for the 2023 levy year in December.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers read the report from Highway Commissioner Kiesgen which gave an update on the Fish Lake Road project which is going out to bid in January 2024 with proposed construction start of April/May 2024. There was also an update on the Nippersink Road Project which is awaiting the Environmental Assessment to move forward. There was a recent distribution of tax redemption funds which benefited the Highway Dept. \$4,557. There is a 28% decrease in PPRT allocations for fiscal year 2023 from Dept. of Revenue

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: There was none

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Trustee Fischer to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. Voice vote and all in favor. Meeting ended at 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Martini, Grant Township Clerk