

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

State of Illinois,
Lake County, ss.
Town of Grant,

Board Minutes Feb. 20, 2024-FINAL

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building, 26725 W. Molidor Road on Feb. 20th, 2024@ 6:00PM

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:	Judy Martini	x__ Present	___ Absent

Supervisor 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 6:00pm. The pledge of allegiance was waived.

3. Roll Call of Officials

Present: Trustee's Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer, Supervisor Starostovic and Clerk Martini

Absent: None

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen, Assessor Lisa LaMantia, and Assistant Administrator Nancy Rogers and resident and former Highway Commissioner Jack Kiesgen

4. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

A) Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the minutes of the Jan. 16, 2024; Motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Trustee Hamm

Motion carried to approve as presented.

B) Trustee Lippert made a motion to keep approved executive session minutes closed for the 6 month review of executive session minutes from: 6/21/16, 2/15/22, 3/15/22, 3/28/22, 4/26/22, 5/17/22, 6/21/22, 7/19/22, 8/16/22, 9/20/22, 10/18/22, 11/17/22, 1/17/23, 2/21/23 and 3/21/23. Motion was seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further comments the vote was called to keep minutes closed.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carries.

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$288,831.97. Motion seconded by Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the Investment Report as presented, in the amount of \$6,637,415.17; Motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called: Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion Carries

8. Miscellaneous

A. Moment of Silence for Nancy Koske and Ed Bender lead by Supervisor Starostovic

B. NICASA Thank you letter received was outlined by Supervisor Starostovic

9. Old Business

A. Building and Grounds Report

-Staff have been busy making signs for the Annual Fish Fry
-Trustee Lippert reported that the bid packets from Hitchcock Group have been sent out
-Trustee Lippert reported that there are clarification points on splash pad estimates, and need to be finalized.
-Pre-bid opening and meeting for potential bidders is coming up; and will be held at Highway Department

B. Update on Garage Heaters & Security Lighting

-Lighting is installed. County would not approve of heater and we are looking at alternatives.

C. Report on meeting with All Athletic Associations

-Meeting was end of January. Organizations will handle own schedules and filling slots.
-Trustee Lippert reported that as park expands, more teams, organizations, and people in general who will want to utilize park.
-Trustee Lippert recommended we come up with a policy for taking local teams first, and that we should review what others are doing about charging a fee for field usage; Particularly those who use fields on a regular basis.
-Trustee Lippert reported Township needs to come up with policies as soon as possible for park regulations, rules, hours, fees, enforcement, security, signage and emergency situations.

D. Discuss agenda items for annual meeting

Trustee Fischer recommended we add discussion of Decennial Reports to the agenda & post.

E. Set date to meet with Volo about future annexation

Supervisor Starostovic will contact Volo Village and set up a Board meeting with them.

F. Any other old business

Supervisor Starostovic asked for volunteers for the Annual Fish Fry.

10. New Business: None

11. Consider Motions:

A. To approve payment to GW & Assoc. PC for \$9,800 for year 2023 audit (see attachment). Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Selle to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer.
Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion carried

B. To approve donation to Fox Lake Parks in remembrance of former Fox Lake Mayors Nancy Koske and Ed Bender. Discussion ensued about donation questions. Supervisor Starostovic will contact our Attorney for his comments and get back to the Board for discussion. The Board Members stated that they would like to see attorney's recommendation in writing for their review. No vote was taken on donation at this time.

12. Officials' Reports

Supervisor:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that:

- *Employees have been busy preparing for Annual Fish Fry Event.
- *Misprint on previous transportation report on cost per mile has been corrected.
- *There is a Native Plant Grant available which Trustee Lippert will look into. It is based on need and March 15th, 2024 was deadline for application.
- *Letter received from High School Teacher looking for turf from Park Improvement.
- *Will call TOI to answer questions on unemployment insurance needed for contractors.
- *Letter from Sheriff Dept. received in regards to community events.
- *Letter received on alleged violation from an Ingleside resident.

Highway Commissioner Reported:

- *Updated Board on Fish Lake Road Project & Bike Path.
- *Recent Sale of old back hoe for \$22,000.
- *The 2022 purchase of trucks for her Dept. haven't been delivered yet by vendor.
- *Received complaints on cutting down trees on the ROW for Fish Lake reconstruction project.
- *Received complaint about residents parking in the Rose Island Sub division

Assessor Report:

Assessor Lisa LaMantia reported that the 2023 PTAB submission deadline was Feb., 8th. Our office will be reviewing PTAB (Property Tax Appeal Board) filings on a weekly basis and reviewing for any additional information we can provide for the CCAO (Chief County Assessment Office).

There will be commercial filings requesting a reduction of \$100,000 in assessed value. Already filed are Home Depot, Toyota, Wilson Nursery and Baxter .Again, evidence & defense need to be prepared in order to support our values.

2024 tentative factors have been released from the CCOA. All 18 Townships are within the range of 8.85% to 13.44%. Grant Township's factor is 12.94%. In analyzing the sales from the three previous years (2021, 2022, 2023) the Chief County Assessment Office takes the median level of assessment for each of those years, averaging those medians, to determine the adjustment in assessments required in a Township. This was predicted as a snowball effect from the last few years of high sales. Our assessments are not high enough.

Home Exemption Renewal reminders will be going out in the mail in the beginning of March. Once they do, we will see an influx of constituents at the door.

At least once a week someone says how they love coming here because of how they are treated and how helpful we are.

Trustees Report:

Trustee Selle reported that he hasn't received the information from TOI that he requested which is the printed literature that can be given to schools to encourage student involvement in political process. Discussion ensued that Trustee Selle should contact schools directly.

Clerk Report:

Clerk Martini reported that an email came out recently from Lake County Clerk's Office with Official's individual passcodes so they can file their economic interest statements online. Clerk Martini also requested that individuals print their receipt page and give to Clerk for the records. They are due into the County by the beginning of May.

13. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

14. Executive Session to discuss acquisition 5 ILCS120/2 (c) (5) (6)

Motion by Trustee Fischer to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion the vote was called at 7:36 PM

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

Nay: None

Motion Carries

15. Motion to Return to Regular Session:

No action was taken on Executive Session issue. Motion by Trustee Fischer to enter back into Regular Board Meeting at 7:59 PM. Seconded by Trustee Lippert.

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

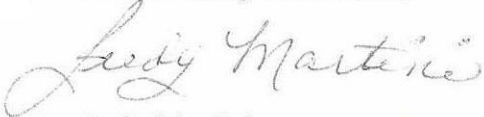
Naye: None

Motion Carries

16. Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Hamm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no discussion, the vote was called by voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, and the meeting was closed at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini

Grant Township Clerk