

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

December 18, 2018
Board Minutes, Final

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on December 18, 2018.

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	x__ Present	___ Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Bob Selle	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Carol Ulasz	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Tom Lippert	x__ Present	___ Absent
Clerk:	Barbara Schau	x__ Present	___ Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as chairperson and Barbara Schau as clerk, the following official business was transacted:

1.-2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials

Present: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: None

Also present, Highway Commissioner Kiesgen

4. Audience

There were 3 guests in the audience; Rich Ulasz, Cindy Irwin, Glen

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the November 2018 minutes with a spelling correction; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further comments or discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills as presented, in the amount of \$441,827.65; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further comments or questions, or corrections, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the Investment Report as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further questions or discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

We received 'thank you' notes from TOIPAC (donation for the silent auction) and the Fox Lake Lions Club for our contribution to the Candy Day fund raiser.

9. Old Business

a. Report on Florence Fischer Dinner

Everyone who attended thought the people, the food and the friendship were terrific. Everyone had a great time.

b. Update on Walking Path

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen reported that further work on the path is on hold until spring. The weather has to cooperate so that asphalt and concrete can be poured.

c. Report on Christmas Parade

It was another great parade; the weather cooperated, everyone had a good time, and Grant Township won 2nd place.

d. Discuss Playground Equipment for Parks

New equipment is under consideration for the parks. There is money allocated for this project. Additional measurements are needed to ensure spacing. And, footings will be required; whether we do it or have someone else do it is to be determined.

e. Clerk Attestation Signature

This will be an ongoing discussion in all townships, as it was the most discussed topic at the TOI conference in November. There are many thoughts about the most effective way to proceed. Our attorney does not call for attestation signatures. However, together we will determine what makes the most sense for Grant Township.

f. Consider Motions:

1. To Approve the 2018 Town Levy

The board agreed to again freeze the levy for 2018. After final review, Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the 2018 Levy in the amount of \$1,377,000.00; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. There being no further questions or comments, additions or deletions, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

2. To Approve the 2018 Road District Levy

There was a slight increase in the Road District Levy to accommodate new projects in the township. After final review, Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the 2018 Road District Levy in the amount of \$3,158,500.00; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further questions or comments, additions or deletions, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

3. To approve \$175,000 Toward the Construction of Walking Path Cost

The funds for the Walking Path had previously been allocated. Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the required funds allocated to the Walking Path; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

None

10. New Business

a. Information on the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Illinois

At a public meeting, community members participated in a discussion about medical care in our community. The moderator, Mr. Mike Duffy, asked participants what they felt the immediate and long-term medical needs are and thoughts about a crisis center in the area. All agreed that medical care and a crisis center was a needed asset. This will be an ongoing discussion for our community. Mr. Duffy will return, hopefully with a possible action plan.

b. American Red Cross Facility Agreement

Grant Township entered into an agreement with the American Red Cross to allow Red Cross the use of our Township building in order to provide services to the community in the event of a disaster.

c. Report on the Pro Com Fire Alarm System

We will be looking into updated fire alarm systems that may better suit our needs and securing proposals to consider.

d. Update on HB4637

House Bill 4637 is focused on McHenry and Lake Counties and is intended to dissolve a township with services being handled / managed by the county. Additionally, the road districts would be negatively impacted. We are urged to keep in contact with our representatives to prevent these actions.

e. Any Other New Business

11. Officials' Reports

a. Supervisor

- there will be a slight change in IMRF; 7.5% will be reduced to 7.25%
- we are experiencing an increase from those who are looking for ways to assist
- Volo is proceeding to accept bids for bringing Lake Michigan water to the village

b. Highway Commissioner

- a quick start for the winter season; lots of snow, lots of ice; had several trees that snapped with the weight of ice
- Big Hollow is considering the use of solar panels. They have enough acreage to accommodate the solar panels. Nothing is definitive at this point.

c. Clerk

Nothing to report.

d. Trustees

The trustees have no news nor information to report. Each wishes the Board and everyone in our community a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a wonderful New Year.

12. Audience

The audience members wished everyone a terrific holiday season.

13. Executive Session

Trustee Selle made a motion to move to Executive Session at 7:45pm; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Lippert made a motion to close the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Selle, and the Executive Session was closed at 7:55pm.

14. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the regular board meeting was made and the motion seconded; a voice vote was called, all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Schau
Grant Township Clerk