

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

January 15, 2019
Board Minutes

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on January 15, 2019.

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Bob Selle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Carol Ulasz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Clerk:	Tom Lippert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Barbara Schau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic 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, Lippert and Ulasz via telephone; Supervisor Starostovic
Absent: None

Also present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen, late arrival

4. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the December 18, 2018 minutes as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: none

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills dated December 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$249,967.08; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the Investment Report dated December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$4,464,034.59; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen arrived late, with apologies. She reported that there was a need to pay bills to IDOT with short notice. This issue was not on the agenda, therefore

Supervisor Starostovic asked to postpone this issue until she researched the legalities. Technically, there should not be an issue because the expenses had been budgeted, and it comes from a grant. Supervisor will call and advise board members.

9. Old Business

a. Annual Fish Fry Volunteers and Donations

This annual event is a fund-raiser for Grant Township parks. All volunteers and donations for the silent auction are greatly appreciated.

b. Newsletter Articles. The newsletter will be available February 15th; please have your articles written within the next 2 weeks.

c. Christmas Baskets and Adopt-A-Family report

We provided a Christmas for 95 families; we are so proud of our community and very grateful for their generous donations. The Ferrigan Family generously organizes and runs the event each year with support from Grant Township. In addition this year, the local Electrical Union donated 100 coats for those in need.

d. Food Pantry Report

Requests for assistance from our food pantry are down slightly, 3%. We believe this is mostly a result of other pantries opening in the area.

e. Grant Township Transportation Report

The number of rides in 2018 was down slightly; this is mostly attributed to eliminating 1 bus.

f. Clerk's Attestation

This has been a very big topic throughout townships in Illinois. There are many interpretations. For right now, we have been advised to continue doing what we are doing.

g. Consider Motions

1. Purchase Playground Equipment for Everbreeze Park & Grant Township Center, not to Exceed \$14,000.00; equipment to include a climbing wall at each park. Trustee Selle made a motion to purchase the equipment at \$14,000.00; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

2. Hire Team Reil to Assemble a Shelter By The ADA Park at Grant Township Center At A Cost Not to Exceed \$25,000.00. Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the purchase and construction of a shelter; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

10. New Business

a. Review Assessor's Budget for 2019-2020

Assessor Barr distributed a work sheet of her 2019-2020 budget for review. The budget is estimated to be very similar to the current budget, with a decrease in Legal Fees.

b. Special Tax Distribution

Grant Township will receive \$893.28 as a result of collected taxes from 2013-2017.

c. Any Other New Business

There was a brief discussion regarding "School of Choice". This is tabled for now.

11. Officials' Reports

Supervisor:

- ComEd will be in the building making sure we are as energy efficient as possible
- There is discussion about invigorating transportation, and perhaps a high speed rail system for the Midwest area
- Lincoln Dinner is Feb. 9th; please let Supervisor know how many will attend
- We received a thank you from the Adopt-A-Family, specifically mentioning Nancy Rogers for her assistance with the project
- The 37th annual Topics Day is in Springfield on April 3; let me know if you will attend

Highway Commissioner:

- The Highway Dept. is preparing for winter storms
- There is a new highway grant in Round Lake

Clerk:

- Have certified everyone for their Economic Interest forms; you will receive your form either by email, or in the US mail. Please fill them out, make a copy and submit to the county. If you choose, you can bring the form to me and I will submit it for you.

Trustees:

- A mention that the History of the Mineola will be presented at the Library
- A mention of the big ice fishing event in Lake Catherine

12. Audience

Fox Lake Mayor Don Schmit:

- Commented on how well Grant Township and the Village of Fox Lake work together; whether outings, senior lunches, transportation or special events, it's a great team
- There will be dredging in Sequoit Harbor to open that area
- Very pleased with the way the transportation is working for the residents
- In May he will be President of Lake County Municipal League
- Mayor explained that the village receives \$1.2 million from property taxes; more than half, \$700,000 goes to the Police Pension fund. The Village is doing as much as possible with available funds.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Hamm made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. By voice vote, all Ayes, and no nays, the meeting was closed at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Schau
Grant Township Clerk