

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

January 17, 2017
Board Minutes, Final

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on January 17, 2017.

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 type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Carol Ulasz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Tom Lippert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Clerk:	Barbara Schau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	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, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic;

Absent: Trustee Selle

Also present: Assessor Barr; Clerk Schau

4. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

The minutes of the December 2016 meeting were presented for discussion. Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called;

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills

The bills paid from December 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 were presented to the board for discussion and approval. Trustee Ulasz made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$415,178.77; motion was seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

The investment report dated December 31, 2016 was presented to the board for approval. Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the investment report in the amount of \$3,939,000.03; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

Discuss and Consider Motion to Approve By-Laws of the Grant Township Center -

A NFP Corporation

Grant Township Center Inc. was organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of section **501(c)(3)**. Each year the by-laws of Grant Township Center must be approved to ensure compliance with NFP status. To this end, Trustee Hamm made a motion to approve the by-laws; motion was seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no additional questions or comments, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

9. Old Business

a. Annual Fish Fry Volunteers & Donations

- We are looking for the lids from film canisters for the Super Raffle.
- We continue to look for donations.
- Please sign up to help with setup, cooking/serving, cleanup and etc.
- We hope to have the Kohl's volunteers.
- We are trying to secure the Volo Explorers for parking assistance.

b. Newsletter

- Please have your articles submitted as soon as possible.

c. Grant Township Transportation Report

- Grant Township and the county in general are both doing well with growing the transportation throughout the county; the object is to serve the local community to the best of our ability.
- Future projections for growth / usage look very good; the transportation county committee are looking forward to continued growth and usage of local transportation.
- Committee is interested in any and all new ideas for growth needs of the community.
- In 2016 we drove 2378 one-way trips and had combined mileage of 26,354 miles.

d. Food Pantry Year-end Report

- We are so grateful for the support we receive from the community in support of our food pantry.
- We have had to move our Food Pantry banking account from Fifth/Third Bank (the local Fox Lake branch has closed) to BMO Harris.

e. Update of Statement of Economic Interest

- The appropriate changes have been updated for each elected official. When these forms must be filed in May, the clerk will be available to file your form electronically as opposed to mailed.

f. Use of I-Pads

- At the last meeting the topic of using I-Pads for monthly meetings was opened. While there are many advantages such as reducing use of paper and immediate access to the agenda and detail of topics, it was decided that while there are many pros and cons, we need to assess the use, the cost and the impact of moving to electronic communications.
- We should individually consider this change, and schedule a special meeting to discuss this topic in detail.

g. Any Other Old Business

None

10. New Business

a. Assessor's Budget

- There are only a few differences in this year's budget;
 - There is a \$15,000 increase in total budget this year.
 - We expect to have increased legal expenses, approximately \$6,000.00 for the ongoing lawsuit filed against the chief county assessor. There could be a dismissal of Federal Court, and if so, our legal expenses would be paid. There may be no clear direction until April, 2017.
 - Budget also provides for a \$10,000 contingency for the possible appraisal of commercial property and the possibility of Menards asking for a decrease.
- The total budget request is \$282,700; an approximate 6.8% increase.

b. Discuss and Consider Motion to Participate in Chamber Fest March 4, 2017.

- Trustees reviewed the size of booths being offered and the location of same. It was the opinion of the board that we continue to attend/participate in this event. To this end, Trustee Lippert made a motion to participate in Chamber Fest, at the same location as in the past, and utilizing the same size booth; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

c. RLCW – Provision of Paratransit Transportation Agreement

- Formerly named the Northwest Demonstration Project, RLCW (Ride Lake County West) transportation on the west side of Lake County is growing; 6 townships now participate and resident usage continues to grow.

- To this end, Grant Township annually participates in an intergovernmental agreement with Lake County regarding the contribution of funding towards the RLCW and is committed to supporting this project.

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the RLCW agreement; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. There being no further discussion or comments the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

d. TOIPAC

Township Officials of Illinois Political Action Committee is asking for the annual dues from all elected township officials. Please give your \$5.00 to Supervisor Starostovic and she will send her personal check to Springfield.

e. Any Other New Business

None

11. Officials' Reports

- Supervisor

- Received a thoughtful and touching thank you note from a recipient of the Adopt-A-Family program.

- Received a request from our new Lake County Board Rep Judy Martini to have her phone # and a link to her office announced in our e-newsletter and our regular newsletter.

- Announced Trivia Night sponsored by the Fox Lake Rotary and Fox Lake Lions on February 24th at the Legion. All are welcome to attend this new and exciting event.

- Trustees

- There were no reports from the trustees

- Clerk

- When SEI's are due in May, please give your form to the clerk to be filed electronically, if you still file by paper

12. Audience

There were no comments from the audience

13. Executive Session

Trustee Lippert made a motion at 7:45pm seconded by Trustee Ulasz to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Ulasz, Lippert; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

A discussion was held pertaining to Personnel.

No action was taken in the Executive Session.

At 8:10pm, a motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to regular Board Meeting was made by Trustee Hamm, seconded by Trustee Lippert. All in Favor, motion carried.

14. Adjournment

Trustee Hamm made a motion to adjourn the board meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Ulasz. There being no further discussion, the vote was called by voice vote; all in favor and the meeting was closed at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Schau
Grant Township Clerk