

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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Lake County,
Town of Grant,



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April 16, 2024

Board Minutes, FINAL

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on April 16, 2024
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
	Tom Lippert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Clerk:	Karen Fischer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Judy Martini	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent

Ms. Kay 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 6:03pm by Supervisor Starostovic with the pledge.

3. Roll Call of Officials

The roll was called:

Present: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer, Supervisor Starostovic and Clerk Martini

Absent: Trustee Selle

Also present: Assessor Lisa LaMantia, and Administrative Assistant Nancy Rodgers

4. Audience

There were no questions or comments from the audience at that time.

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve as amended the Board of Trustees minutes from March 19th, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Abstain: Trustee Hamm

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Minutes from April 4th, 2024 Closing of Books & Budget Review

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve as presented the minutes from the Closing of the Books Meeting and the April 4th 2024 Budget Review Minutes. After further review it was noted there was not enough Members present at meeting to vote to approve these minutes.

Supervisor Starostovic and Trustee Hamm were absent from the April 4th 2024 meetings and

Trustee Selle is absent from tonight's meeting. It was decided that these minutes will be voted on at our May 21st Board Meeting.

7. Motion to Investment Report and Bills for the Month of March 2024

Motion to approve investment report for the month of March, 2024 in amount of \$6,208,793.03 by Trustee Fischer. Seconded by Trustee Lippert.

Aye: Trustee Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carries

The monthly audit report for the month of March 2024 bills was previously approved by the Board of Trustees at the April 4, 2024 Closing of the Books Meeting. No action needed.

8. Miscellaneous: Presentation from AHAA

Colleen Lennon and Kim Schnoor were absent from meeting for presentation. Item tabled.

9. Old Business- Supervisor Starostovic reports:

a. Report on Annual Meeting

Meeting went well. We had several attendees and thanked County Board Member Kevin Hunter for his attendance as Moderator of the meeting.

b. Report on Building, Parks, and Grounds

Grass is well kept. Water ponding in some places.

c. Report Discuss Park Grant Improvements:

Received 4 bid packets on park improvement project. Will schedule a special call to review and approve contracts.

d. Set date to review policies and procedures:

Trustees want to piggy back meeting with contract approval for park improvement. Supervisor will come up with date. Clerk noted legal notice need posting in paper at least 48 hours prior.

e. Report on Comcast Installation

Phones are in and staff is learning system. It is less expensive than last system.

f. Discuss Village of Volo Water Connection:

Trustees had several questions that need to be addressed. Discussion ensued about well update for park improvements. Waiting on meeting with Volo and word from Health Dept. permit

g. Other Old Business:

Discussion ensued about having a Facebook Page. Will be on future agenda for a vote.

10. New Business

a. Free Gun Locks

Supervisor Starostovic reported that she was contacted for the Township to distribute up to 10 free gun locks per household to residents. Discussion ensued. General consensus was to have Sheriff's Department do a gun safety class at Township and distribute at the class.

b. Report on Amateur Radio Class

Supervisor Starostovic reported that 6 residents showed up for event and wasn't well attended.

c. Any other New Business

No other new business reported.

11. Consider Motion

a. Discuss & Approve Tentative Budget & Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Supervisor Starostovic reported that Board needs to approve the TENTATIVE budget and appropriation for 2024/2025 for the Township, Assessor's Department and Highway Department. The board will hold the Budget Hearing in June. Motion by Trustee Lippert, seconded by Trustee Hamm to approve tentative budgets for 2024/2025.

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carries

12. Officials' Reports

a. **Supervisor** Starostovic reported that she and Trustee Selle will be attending the Annual Township Officials of Illinois Lobby Day and that she has an appointment set up to speak with Senator Wilcox. The Secretary of State is having a DMV Meeting at the Township on May 10th and any resident interested in attending must call the Township to schedule a time slot.

b. **Trustee** Tom Lippert reported he is glad we had a successful bid opening and hopes things start moving along swiftly. He noted we need to start spending down the grant.

c. **Assessor** Lisa LaManita reported exemption renewal letters have been sent out by the Chief County Assessor's Office (CCAO). The Assessors Department has still remained very busy lately with all walk-in residents seeking help on their exemptions. Assessor LaMantia and her staff have been participating in the computer classes offered through the College of Lake County and the Lake County Township Assessor Association (LCTAA). They have been very beneficial to her staff. We will be getting the 2023 Sales Ration Study from Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) soon with a week turnaround to contest any qualified or unqualified sales.

13. Audience: Resident Kyle Filler commented that he is in agreement with Clerk Martini's recommendation for the Township to have its own Facebook Page as a way for residents to get more information on what is happening in the Township. He also stated that he will be attending more Town Board meetings and found them informative.

Resident Glenn Close commented that he is sorry he was late to the start of the meeting as he thought they started at 7:00 and will note the time so he can attend future meetings on time.

14. Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition/donation of property

Motion by Trustee Lippert to enter into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition.

Seconded by Trustee Fischer.

Aye: Trustee Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried at 7:00 PM

15. Motion to Return to Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Trustee Fischer to convene back into regular scheduled Board of Trustee's meeting.

Seconded by Trustee Lippert.

Aye: Trustee Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried and Board of Trustee's Meeting reconvened at 7:04 PM with no action taken on executive session matter at this meeting.,

16. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board of Trustee's Meeting to conduct, motion by Trustee Hamm to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. Voice vote. All in favor. Meeting ended at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini

Grant Township Clerk