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Town of Grant,



June 7, 2011
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THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molitor Road on June 7, 2011 at 7:00pm.

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
	Rich Stueber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Ted Beskow	<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. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials

Present: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic, Clerk Schau
Absent: None
Also Present: Assessor Barr, Highway Commissioner Kiesgen

4. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Selle and seconded by Trustee Hamm to accept the agenda as presented. Supervisor Starostovic amended the motion by adding discussion of the new playground under 10. Old Business. The vote was called, all in favor of the amended agenda, and motion carried.

5. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

6. Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2011 and May 3, 2011

- April 6, 2011: Motion made by Trustee Stueber and seconded by Trustee Selle to accept the minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the vote was called, all in favor and minutes accepted.
- May 3, 2011: Motion made by Trustee Selle and seconded by Trustee Hamm to accept the minutes as presented. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic
Abstain: Trustee Hamm
Motion carried.

7. Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Stueber and seconded by Trustee Selle to accept the bills for May, in the amount of \$209,103.72. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Beskow, Stueber with the exception of check # 36477 for \$2.79 to Round Lake Ace Hardware, Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion carried.

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8. Approval of Investment Report

Approval of the Investment Report was postponed until the July meeting, pending receipt of a statement from PNC bank.

9. Miscellaneous

- a. Township Officials offered a moment of silence and reflection honoring State Rep. Mark Beaubien III.
- b. Guest speaker Paul Maplethorpe, from the Round Lake Area Fire Protection District, and an integral part of the Emergency Response Team, spoke about the types of natural disasters that could occur in our area, and the role of first responders.
- c. The township received a thank you from the Niemi family for flowers.

10. Old Business

a. Consideration had previously been given to changing the meeting date from the 1st Tuesday of the month to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, primarily to accommodate the billing and bill payment schedule. Following up on the topic, Trustee Selle made a motion to implement the change to the 3rd Tuesday, seconded by Trustee Hamm, the vote was called, all in favor and the meeting will be changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Trustee Stueber reminded that there needs to be a notice to the public in the paper; and Supervisor Starostovic stated it would also be changed on the website.

b. Approval of Prevailing Wage

Trustee Stueber made a motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance, 2011/2012-1, seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called; all in favor and motion carried.

c. July 4th Parade

We're looking for volunteers to work on the float on July 2 ; line up is 9am, stepoff is 10am. Mike Lescher is the Grand Marshall.

d. Approval of disbursing bank.

Trustee Selle made a motion to change the bank from USBank to Harris, seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Beskow, Supervisor Starostovic

Abstain: Trustee Stueber

Nay: none

Motion carried.

e. Pedestrian Bridge

We have the permit and materials, and a current estimate of approximately \$4300. We budgeted \$5000.

f. Update on Playground

We are waiting for the attorneys to work out details of the location of the playground. In the interim, Supervisor Starostovic was in contact with the playground equipment company, and received an updated estimated which was very close to the original estimate. We are checking into if we need a permit or not. And the township is committed to 'pushing the process' to get the project off the ground. We will check to see about the bidding process. Trustee Stueber indicated there are three different bid processes that are available for building a playground. The biggest issue is the location of the playground on the property, which is under discussion between the attorneys. And the topic will be in the July agenda.

11. New Business

a. TOI Pac dues require \$5.00 from each official, personally. All officials contributed their \$5.00 to Supervisor Starostovic who will send the money to Springfield.

b. Railroad Quiet Zone Request

The township received a forwarded email from Mayor Bender, regarding a residents question about reducing the noise at railroad crossings. It's nearly an impossible situation; these are overnight trains, and there is nothing the township can do. Highway Commissioner Kiesgen to handle response to resident.

c. Recycle, Reuse, Go Green

Township will collaborate with Fox Lake to collect eyeglasses and books; the Highway Dept. continues to collect electronics.

d. Any Other New Business

None

12. Officials' Reports

Supervisor

- a. Mr. Lescher gave Supervisor Starostovic a best practices document regarding appropriate levels of unrestricted balances in the general fund; it cites the recommendation of the GFO Association.. the recommendation is that governments establish a formal policy on the level of unrestricted balance that should be maintained in the general fund. Supervisor Starostovic call TOI and they recommended that we not act on it at this time. Information was given to trustees to read for a future discussion.
- b. Articles for the Newsletter are due asap. We are scheduled to have the newsletter ready mid to late July.
- c. Report on GA. Supervisor Starostovic, Nancy Rogers and Ralph Schultz went to a meeting in Rockford; the big topic was civil unions. The day was full of good information
- d. We need volunteers for the TOI dinners; Highway Commissioner volunteered to join Nancy, Barb and Jeri.
- e. Volleyball Courts; we would like the courts rejuvenated; Highway Dept to handle
- f. SoccerTrail: still needs more fill
- g. TSI Meeting in Moline; IRS, IMRF Unemployment Security, were in attendance; all of these could impact increased services that the township provides.
- h. 5k race: BigHollow wanted to do one, Supervisor Starostovic invited them to join ours. Hopefully they will, more participation is better.
- i. Football has been very active.
- j. FL Chamber golf outing is June 17th.
- k. Emergency Preparedness will continue to be important
- l. The Flemmings continue to work the Giving Garden; and thanks to Ace Round Lake and Ralphs Greenhouse on Fairfield for their generous donations.
- m. Our website continues to evolve and openly post our activity
- n. A tribute to Harry Truman's modest lifestyle from Bryan Smith, President of TOI, and the comparison to today's officials.

Highway Commissioner

- a. Has several important projects this coming year: Stanton, Milwaukee Ave, and Wooster Lake.

Assessor:

- a. reported that there have been 681 exemptions removed that were not entitled to exempt status
- b. Tax bills are out;
- c. Thank you for flowers for our family's loss

Clerk – nothing to report

Trustee Hamm – no report

Trustee Selle – no report

Trustee Stueber- thanked all who donated to the Giving Garden and would like to have a letter of thanks go out to the donors; asked where the \$20 entry fee for the Junior Miss Pageant goes; would like to see a financial report on the event

Trustee Beskow – no report

13. Audience

No comments from the audience

14. Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Hamm to move to Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Selle. The meeting was closed at 8:45pm.

Returning to the regular board meeting at 8:57, Trustee Stueber made a motion to approve and release the May 3, 2011 Executive Session minutes, seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called, all in favor and motion carried.

15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Beskow and seconded by Trustee Hamm to adjourn the meeting; all in favor, meeting was closed at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Schau
Grant Township Clerk