

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

AUGUST 20, 2024
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING-FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on August 20, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Tom Lippert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Karen Fischer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Clerk:	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. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials:

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

Also present: Assessor Lisa LaMantia, Kim Kiesgen-Road Commissioner, Nancy Rogers Administrative Assistant

4. Audience Comments (items not on agenda-limit 3 minutes)

None

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes from Board of Trustees meeting July 16, 2024

Trustee Fischer made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 16, 2024 board meeting as presented; motion was seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees: Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

Trustee Selle called in to attend meeting via remote attendance at 6:10 PM. No vote was taken by Trustees to allow Trustee Selle to vote according to Board rules and no prior notice given to Clerk of remote attendance.

b. 6 month review of approved but closed executive session minutes of:

6/21/16, 2/15/22, 3/15/22, 3/28/22, 4/26/22, 5/17/22, 6/21/22, 7/19/22, 8/16/22, 9/20/22, 10/18/22, 11/17/22, 1/17/23, 2/21/23 & 3/21/23

Trustee Lippert Lippert made a motion to keep closed the executive session minutes presented. Seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further comments or questions to vote was called.

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Approval of Bills

Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the bills as presented for the month of July in the amount of \$760,177.59 motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. Trustee Lippert questioned the Highway Commissioner on the multiple billings from Inevitable & Viable Construction.

AGENDA # 6 APPROVAL OF BILLS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen explained that some of the billings were for various buildings and that one was from an emergency situation. The bills in questioned totaled over \$77,000 with \$14,324.34 as 50% down to order materials from the month of February and the remainder of that amount after July. There being no further questions the vote was called.

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Approval of Investment Report

Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the Investment Report for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$6,658,942.36. Motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the agenda item is canceled with Attorney Hartman for tonight's board meeting because of lack of information from the Board.

Sue Stark, Vice-President of the Fox Lake American Legion Auxiliary #703 presented the Township (on behalf of the Fox Lake American Legion Post #703) the coveted Commander's Award for our participation in providing local services to residents. The Board thanked the Legion for their consideration and kindness.

9. Old Business

a. Report on Building, Grounds, Parks (Scoreboard & Shed)

Supervisor Starostovic reported that staff has been working very hard preparing the grounds for Fall Fest. Ray Chevrolet and Ray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram purchased a new score board for Grant Jr. Bulldogs. The Grant Jr. Bulldogs donated and built a new equipment shed onsite. The Board thanked Raymond Chevrolet for their ongoing kindness to the community.

b. Update on Park Grant

Trustee Lippert informed the Board that a schedule has been supplied by the General Contractor and project should be done by early Spring of 2025. The General Contractor will be storing the supplies for the project. The ground breaking ceremony for the park improvements was attended by the Board and some staff on August 20, 2024 at 5:00PM. There will be another meeting with the consultant the end of August to go over project progress.

c. Registration for November TOI Conference

Supervisor Starostovic reminded Board Members to sign up for the conference and that this year the conference in Springfield which will go from Monday-Wednesday, November 11-13, but there will also be some programs available on Sunday as well for General Assistance info.

d. Any Other Old Business: There was none noted.

10. New Business: There was none noted.

11. Consider Motion:

a. To Appoint Township Clerk as OMA Officer for Remainder of Year 2024-2025

Supervisor Starostovic stated that the Board needs to appoint on Open Meetings Act designee on behalf of the Board, who will need to take the OMA course yearly with the Illinois Attorney General's Office. All other Township Officials will have to complete once the online OMA course within 60 days after being elected. Motion by Trustee Lippert to appoint Clerk Martini as the Townships Official OMA Designee for 2024-2025. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further comments the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

11. Consider Motion (continued from page 2)

b. To participate in the Big Hollow Back to School Bash on August 23rd, 2024
Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve. Seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further comments the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee Hamm, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Motion Carries

Consider Motions continued from page 2:

c. To Approve Yearly Wage Increases for Supervisors Employees:

Supervisor Starostovic reported that Staff has been working very hard and many have additional job tasks to perform. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve Supervisors recommendation on wage increases. Seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further comments or questions, the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee Hamm, Lippert and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: None

Pass: Trustee Fischer

Motion Carries

12. OFFICIALS REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR Starostovic reported that Billy Drews passed away and his wife also died a short while after his death. They will be greatly missed. A letter from Scott Grubnau was read into the record thanking the Board for all their efforts with providing transportation to those in need. Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Township currently has 3 bus drivers who remain very busy transporting residents. There also is a new Advocate medical location which opened up in Lakemoor over by Woodman's. Supervisor Starostovic also reported that the Township is in the process of applying for a grant to assist in providing additional food for the Township Food Pantry which has seen over a 50% increase of those in need since last year. Several trustees also recommended that the Township increase outreach measure for a Fundraising effort to meet the growing needs of residents.

CLERK Martini reported that she has attended several zoom educational courses recently on Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Courses, and Records Detention. Clerk Martini recommended the Board of trustees to attend some of the very educational courses available thru the Township Officials of Illinois website. Petition circulation has started for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 1, 2025 and petition packets are available at the Township front desk for those who want to seek office. The Lake County Clerk's Office has completed a schedule of dates for the upcoming General Election on November 5, 2024 which is now posted in our building as well as our website. Early voting starts October 21 thru November 2 at the Township building from 9-5 with Saturday from 9-2.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Kiesgen reported that Brad Buckley passed away. Brad was well known as a home builder, and owned and operated a storage facility in Grant Township. Peter Baker was awarded the contract by the Village of Fox Lake for the Longwood Drive improvements which the Village portion will pay \$451,000 and the Township \$72,000. Two other construction projects are currently going on: Lake Vista Terrace and Pistaqua Heights. A meeting has been setup with engineers and the County Staff in regards to improve the drainage area and reconstruction of roads on the south side of Long Lake. The Highway Department is behind schedule due to recent weather conditions with all the rains and tree damage. Staff has been working very hard to meet resident's needs.

ASSESSOR LaMantia reported that the edit of figures are in to the Lake County Chief County Assessor's Office and the date of publication is Sept 12th or Sept 19th. The appeal process will go to 30 days following the actual publication date. Assessor LaMantia also reported the great news for Veterans that HB612 has gone into effect. Veterans or their surviving spouse who are 100% disabled and "deemed to be permanently and totally disabled" no longer have to renew their application annually. Additionally, World War II Veterans and their surviving spouse, regardless of disability status will receive a 100% exemption regardless of disability status. This will go into effect for the 2024 assent year payable in 2025. .

13. AUDIENCE: Susan Kraus of Randhill Drive and Resident of Hilldale Manor reported to the Board the visibility and safety issue at the intersection on Bayview and Randhill Rd. in Ingleside and distributed pictures.

13. AUDIENCE REMARKS (continued from page 3)

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen reported that staff has trimmed the bushes 5 times Resident Kraus reported that there is State and County Laws prohibiting the bushes of being more than 3 feet in height. Commissioner Kiesgen stated she has been working with the HOA and Lake County to resolve the issue.

Rob Bryson, Member of the Fox Waterway Agency Advisory Board reported on the Fox Waterways efforts of cleaning up the water quality of the Chain O'Lakes and reminded the Board of the importance of tourism. Over 30% of the Chain O'Lakes Watershed is in Grant Township. Grant Township has contributed funding in the past as a partner for a study.

The FWA is trying to eliminate point and non-point sources of pollution and is seeking support from Grant Township Board for the FWA's efforts for a resolution. Supervisor Starostovic stated she will prepare a resolution for the Board to approve in future.

14. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to report Trustee Hamm made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:10PM

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Martini, Grant Township Clerk