

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

Sept. 17, 2024
Board Minutes, FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road, Sept. 17, 2024 at 6:00PM

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
	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. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials

Present: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Absent: None

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen, Assessor Lisa LaMantia and Clerk Martini
Nancy Rogers, Administrative Assistant

4. Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

5. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the minutes from the Aug. 20, 2024 Board of Trustee meeting as amended; seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Trustee Selle

Motion carried.

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the minutes from the Aug. 26, 2024 Roof Bid Opening as presented. Seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

Aye: Trustee Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Approval of Bill Report

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bill report for the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$390,739.84. Seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Approval of Investment Report

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the investment report for the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$6,432,973.43. Seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

Aye: Trustee Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

Supervisor Starostovic read card from Trustee Fischer thanking them for their condolences for the loss of her Mother and the note received from Dee Farrigan thanking them for their kindness for her years of service. Supervisor Starostovic also reported that the Township received a donation of watermelons which were given to senior parties here and at other Townships.

9. Old Business

a. Report on Building, Grounds and Park

Trustee Lippert handed out a tentative schedule for completion for grant improvements and reported there was an onsite construction meeting today with the consultant. We are still waiting on permit from County for the shed, but all other permits in place. There was a question on shade system which will be looked into further.

b. Review Audit Correction for 2023-2024 Supervisors Annual Financial Report

Supervisor Starostovic reported that GW & Associates lead partner suggested to reclassify several items, which have no effect on the net position of the Township's financials Supervisor Starostovic handed out the amended report and asked Board members if they have any questions to contact her.

c. Volunteers for Fall Festival

Supervisor Starostovic stated she is looking for volunteers for the Township Fall Fest.

d. Proposal for Ever Breeze Tree Trimming

Supervisor Starostovic presented the Board the proposal from Top & Drop Tree Service for \$4,500 for removal of tree and for trimming.

e. Update on Roof Bids

Supervisor Starostovic reported that we had a special meeting to award bid to on August 12, 2024. Bid was awarded to Correct Roofing for \$29,200. Permits have been issued and are awaiting delivery of shingles (see attached bid).

f. Report on Big Hollow Back to School Bash

Supervisor Starostovic reported that herself, Nancy Rogers-Assistant Administrator, Jennifer Vackar-General Assistance Dept. of Grant Township and the Grant Township Highway Dept. workers attended the event. It was well attended.

g. Parking Issue

Supervisor Starostovic reported that complaints have been received on lack of adequate parking during the ball games and that there is only one more game. Trustee Selle reported that maybe we need to have someone directing traffic especially for Fall Fest.

h. Any Other Old Business

Trustee Fischer questioned on what the policies would be for permits when we are done with the new park improvements. Trustee Lippert stated he has been reviewing some of the other townships policies and will come up with recommendations for the board to review.

10. New Business: There was none to report

11. Consider Motions

a. To approve BCBS Insurance Contract

Supervisor Starostovic reported that out of all bids for health insurance for Grant Township Supervisor, Highway Commissioner, Assessor and employees who work over 30 hours per week that BCBS had the best bid. Discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Fischer to award contract to BCBS. Seconded by Trustee Lippert.

Aye: Trustee Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carries

11. Consider Motions (continued from page 2)

b. Discuss & Approve to accept Resolution for Officials Salaries for 2025-2026

Supervisor Starostovic reported that salaries need to be set at least 180 days before the beginning of their terms of office. The deadline is November 20, 2024. Discussion ensued and it was the general consensus of the Board that they would like to see comparisons prior to a vote. Supervisor Starostovic recommended that all Township Officials should come up with recommendations and comparisons for the next Township Board meeting in October. No vote was taken and issue was tabled.

c. To approve destruction of old approved Board Meeting tapes up to June 2021.

Clerk Martini stated that the Township is allowed to destroy old cassette tapes of approved Board Meetings with the Board of Trustee's approval. Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further comments the vote was called.

Aye: Trustee Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carries

12. Officials' Reports

Supervisor: Lake County Forest Preserve wants to address Board on upcoming referendum. Letter received from Sheri Neal about Storm Water Management Watershed Board question. Letter received from Village of Volo stating they are looking at levy and might reduce it.

Trustees: Trustee Lippert had question on Mosquito Abatement viability.

Trustee Hamm thanked the Supervisor and Nancy Rogers for their recent help for his wife.

Trustee Selle reported on discussions with TOI on youth communications.

Clerk: Clerk Martini updated Board on upcoming election cycle and voting dates for the upcoming General Election. Vote by mail ballots are starting to be mailed out Sept. 20th. Voters can also start voting at County Building starting Sept. 26th. Early voting starts at the Township Building Oct 21-Nov. 2nd and polls are open on Election Day Nov. 5th.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen reported that she has applied for WMB Grant thru SMC for Boesch. There are failed drainage pipes along Rt. 59 that need attending too and has applied for Infrastructure Repair Funds. She has gone out for bid for various road improvement projects which was recently awarded to J.A. Johnson for base bid of \$808,009.25 and total including all alternates is \$1,366,131.58. The projects are improvements for Lake Vista Terrace, Pistaqua Heights Island, and Hiawatha Trail. The start date for the projects is Sept. 23, 2024 with a completion date of November 8, 2024.

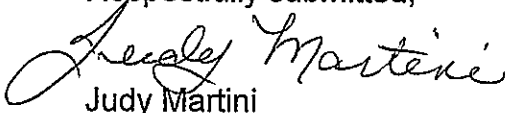
Assessor: Assessor Lisa LaMantia reported that appeal period runs from Sept. 19-Oct. 21st and the Township equalization factor is 1.0615. The estimated EAV for township is \$1,046,292,564 up about 13.12% from last year. Lilac Apartments was sold to a LLC in 2021 who claimed a 501C-3 status and filed a non-homestead exemption in 2022 which amounted to a \$7 Million dollar loss in market value to the township. The high school hired an intervenor but they were not informed of the dismissal of the case and are looking into any possible recourse.

There are some new developments in Township such as the Honda dealership on Rt. 12 but it will not have much of an impact on levying bodies because it is in the Village of Fox Lake TIF district. There is a proposed development of 27 acres on Rt 12. & Molidor Road of 133 town homes. On Big Hollow Rd & Rt. 12 there is a plan for 154 rental units that will be in a TIF District so the projected property taxes to be levied will be minimal also.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Hamm to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini
Grant Township Clerk