

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

State of Illinois,

Lake County, ss.

Town of Grant,

October 15, 2024

6:00 PM Board of Trustees Minutes, FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on October 15, 2024

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Clerk:	Judy Martini	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" 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 Pro-Tem	Nancy Rogers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as chairperson and Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers acting as clerk pro-tem, the following official business was transacted:

1.-2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials

Present: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic, Deputy Clerk Rogers

Absent: Clerk Martini (on medical leave)

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen, Assessor Lisa LaMantia

4. Audience There were no comments from the audience.

5. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2024 meeting as presented; 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

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the Investment report for the month of September in the amount of \$347,322.42 seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the September Investment Report in the amount of \$7,700,515.61. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

8. Miscellaneous

a. Lake County Forest Preserve representative Rebeka Snyder updated the Board of the upcoming Forest Preserve Referendum which is on the ballot for the November election. Ms Snyder stated that the Forest Preserve request is \$155 Million capital bonds. \$65 million to acquire more land to add new preserves. \$30 million to improve water and air quality and reduce flooding by restoring wetlands, prairies and forests. \$60 million to improve trail connections and redevelop or open preserves, address maintenance needs. Ms. Snyder stated that the additional property tax on a \$300,000.00 home would be less than \$33.00 a year or \$2.75 a month. Ms. Snyder stated that it has been 16 years since this has been put in question. It was asked what projects would benefit Grant Township. Ms. Snyder stated a capital project is proposed near Grant Township. That re-alignment of bicycle path would be done and also fully restore Kestrel Ridge Forest Preserve. There is not public access at this time. The Forest Preserve just closed on its 65th forest preserve. The board thanked Ms. Snyder for her information.

9. Old Business

a. Report on Fall Festival:

Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers thanked the board and everyone that participated with this years' Fall Festival. A special thank you to the staff and the Highway Department and Fire Department for their participation. We think we had the most attendance this year and it all flowed well. The wind caused a few problems but all was great.

b. Update on Building, Grounds & Parks

Supervisor Starostovic stated that all is in good shape and that a football tournament was going to be held this weekend the same time as our Shred Event. Administrative Assistant Rogers stated that it is all worked out that the shred truck will be located in front of the garage. There will be 5 volunteers to assist with the shred.

c. Report on Park Grant Improvements

Administrative Assistant Rogers stated that they had a meeting with the Hitchcock and Hacienda Landscaping this morning. The maintenance Department along with Supervisor Starostovic, Assessor LaMantia, and Administrative Assistant Rogers walked the back park and marked off where the tees would be located for the Disc Golf. Also reviewed the splash pad and other areas that have been dug. Assessor LaMantia stated that we should get the asphalt done this year before winter. Supervisor Starostovic stated how the underground pipe was going to be done. The sidewalk by the new parking lot is finished and a location for signage was discussed.

d. TOI Conference Parade of Flags Participation

Trustee Selle will be participating in the Parade of Flags with our Township flag at the TOI Conference in November.

e. Change Order for Administrative Roof Project Included in Invoice

Supervisor Starostovic reported that there was a \$600.00 change for the roof project.

f. Any Other Old Business

None

10. New Business

a. Set Tax Levy Meeting for 2025-2026

Supervisor Starostovic asked the board if she should set a Tax Levy meeting for in November. Assessor LaMantia stated that we would not receive 4.99 this year, even if requested. PTELL limitation is 3.4%. Supervisor Starostovic asked Assessor LaMantia to check it out. Trustee Selle stated that we need to stay below the 5%. Trustee Lippert stated the procedure if township went for more. Assessor LaMantia is going to check it out and report back to the board. Trustee Lippert stated that we would not need an additional meeting and that it could be passed at the November 19, 2024 meeting.

b. Other New Business – None

11. Consider Motion

A .Approve October 31st from 4-7 PM for Trick of Treating in Unincorporated Grant Township Motion by Trustee Selle Seconded by Trustee Hamm. Supervisor Starostovic stated that the township should make a resolution to keep the date always on October 31st with time from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

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

NAY: None

Motion Carried

b. Approve participation in area holiday activities.

Motion by Trustee Selle. Seconded by Trustee Lippert to approve. There being no further comments the vote was called.

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

Nay. None

Motion Carried

c. Approve payment for Highway Department's purchase of 2024 Trucks: 1) Chevy Silverado and a 3500 Crew Cab 4x4 for a total of \$121,930 for the two vehicles. Motion by Trustee Selle to approve. Seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion the vote was called.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried

d. Approve Waiver of Contractors Summary of Work for the GTCPI for \$164,711.16

Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve. Seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further comments the vote was called.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carries

e. Approve payment to Imbert International, Inc. for the Splash Pad Iron Shield for \$73,400 Motion by Trustee Fischer o approve. Seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further comments or questions the vote was called.

Ayes: Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay; None

Motion Carries

12. Officials' Reports

Trustee Selle – Trustee Selle thanked Trustee Karen for getting information from TOI Trustee Selle explained why his daughter wanted the information. Trustee Selle reported that there would be a fund raiser for a Chemo cap on October 24th 4:30pm at the Bricks & Ivy located in Spring Grove. Trustee Selle's daughter had gone through Chemotherapy and this cold cap is something very helpful to cancer patients and she was raising money to help purchase them for others in need.

Trustee Fischer – Fall Festival was great. Everyone was great and had a good time.

Assessor LaMantia stated that residents were asking what we were doing with the park and she escorted them around and explained about all the different amenities that the township were putting in and reported all the compliments that she received.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen reported that regarding the Ray Chevrolet bills that were passed took 2 years to get vehicles. She paid more than original quote but she said they are good equipment. Commissioner Kiesgen stated that they start grinding Vista Terrace next week. Trustee Fischer asked Commissioner Kiesgen what was going on with Fish Lake Road. Commissioner Kiesgen replied that they are putting in curbs and that the road will be closed October 21st until finished.

Assessor: Assessor LaMantia reported that the Filing period will close this Monday.

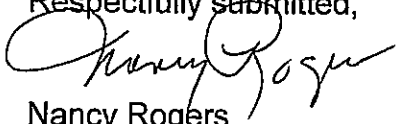
Supervisor-Supervisor Starostovic stated that early voting would begin next Monday October 21st and also there will be a guarded mail in box in the room.

11. Audience – There was none

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Hamm and seconded by Trustee Fischer, to adjourn the meeting; all in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Rogers

Grant Township Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk, Clerk Pro-tem