

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

State of Illinois,

Lake County, ss.

Town of Grant,

November 19, 2024

Board of Trustee’s Meeting- FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on November 19, 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
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 6:00 PM with the Pledge.

3. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICIALS:** The roll was called:

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

Absent: Highway Commissioner Kim Kiesgen

Also present: Assessor Lisa LaMantia, Jim Smak from Grant Township Highway Department and Nancy Rogers Administrative Assistant

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT FROM AUDIENCE:** There was no audience participation

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a. A motion was made by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Lippert to approve minutes as presented for the October 15, 2024 Special Call on the Salaries of Elected Officials.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

b. A motion was made by Trustee Selle, seconded to Trustee Hamm to approve minutes as presented for the October 15, 2024 Board Of Trustee’s Meeting.

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

Nay: None Motion Carried

c. A motion was made by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Hamm to approve the minutes as presented for the October 23, 2024 Special Call on the Salaries of Elected Officials.

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

Nay: None Motion Carried

6. **MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS:**

Motion by Trustee Selle to approve bills in the amount of \$708,092.43 for the month of October 2024, seconded by Trustee Fischer. The vote was called.

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

Nay: None Motion Carried

7. **MOTION TO APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT:**

Motion by Trustee Selle to approve investment report in the amount of \$7,218,152.13 for the month of October 2024, seconded by Trustee Fischer. The vote was called.

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

Nay: None Motion Carried

8. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Assessor Lisa LaMantia reported that there was a Property Tax Seminar held at the Volo Village Hall on November 9, 2024. Approximately 25 residents attended. Residents appreciated the information which was provided by Assessor LaMantia. She is reaching out to the Village of Fox Lake to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring seminar with her.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Building Grounds & Parks

Supervisor Starostovic reported: irrigation system is winterized, electrical work done in garage, grounds are getting prepared for winter, and staff is still cleaning up from the Fall Fest.

b. Update on Park Grant

Trustee Lippert reported that the asphalt work needs to be done before weather turns. Bocce Ball Court concrete is in along with golf stations as well as some spots for benches. The NFC Court and Splash Pad is poured. Trustee Lippert stated that if park meeting was at a different time he could attend but is keeping up with e-mail correspondence.

c. Volunteers for Holiday Parades

Assessor Lisa LaMantia is attending the Village of Volo Christmas Tree lighting. Volunteers from Grant Township for the Fox Lake Christmas Parade so far are Nancy Rogers, Judy Martini, Bob Selle, Karen Fischer, Supervisor Starostovic, Jim Smak, Willie Katoch, John Jensen & Dave Hertzal.

d. Review Supervisors Township Tax Levy 2024.

The Township is seeking a 4.99 increase in levy. Assessor LaMantia stated that the Township will most likely not receive this amount based on her estimates, which include new construction and recaptured revenues from PA-102-5219.

e. Review Road District Tax Levy for 2024

Nancy Rogers, Administrative Assistant presented Highway Dept. Levy. It was reported the levy is lower than last year and does not exceed 4.99.

f. Any Other Old Business

There was none.

10. New Business:

There was none.

11. Consider Motions

a. To Approve Yearly Board Meeting Calendar for 2025.

Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve, seconded by Trustee Lippert. Vote was called.

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

Nayes: None Motion Carried

b. To Approve Yearly Holiday Calendar for 2025.

An error was found on year date for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Motion to approve as amended to include corrected dates by Trustee Selle, seconded by Trustee Fischer. Vote was called.

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

Nayes: None Motion Carried

c. To Approve Grant Township Tax Levy Ordinance for 2024

Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve levy ordinance as presented, seconded by Trustee Lippert. The vote was called.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

d. To Approve Grant Township Road District Tax Levy Ordinance for 2024

Motion by Trustee Lippert to approve, seconded by Trustee Fischer. The vote was called.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

11. Consider Motions (continued from page 2).

e. To Approve Holiday Lunch and Gift Cards for Employees.

Motion by Trustee Fischer to approve, seconded by Trustee Hamm. The vote was called.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

f. To Approve Grant Township Salaries for 2025-2029 (see attached approved resolution)

Motion by Trustee Selle to approve, seconded by Trustee Lippert. Discussion: Trustee Fischer stated that she agrees with the proposed wage increases for the Supervisor, Clerk, and Highway Commissioner but not in agreement with the proposed salary increase for the Assessor's position that's in the resolution. Trustee Fischer stated that she believes our Township Assessor has been working very hard, has done an excellent job and deserves more of a salary increase since prior they reduced the salary for the Assessor's position. Trustee Fischer is not in agreement with the proposed resolution because she felt the raise for the Assessor was not enough. There being no further comments, the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee Hamm, Selle, Lippert and Supervisor Starostovic

Nays: Trustee Fischer (because of the Assessor's salary issue)

Motion Carried

12. Officials Reports:

Supervisor:

Had a great time at TOI Conference and her family members flew in to attend event. Supervisor Starostovic was honored to receive award for her many years involved in TOI and Township Government.

Trustee Selle:

Stated that he learned a lot at TOI Conference and it was very nice that Supervisor received the Robert "Bob" Turner award for the state of Illinois. Stated that some Townships have yet to complete their Decennial report. Reported that there is a \$3 Billion deficit in State budget and stated there probably be more bills introduced to reduce layers of government including Township government.

Trustee Lippert:

Thanked Jim Smak from the Township Highway Department for his attendance at tonight's meeting and asked to let the Highway Department employees know that they are doing a great job.

Clerk Martini:

Updated the Board on the past presidential election turn-out and also an update for important dates for the consolidated election on April 1st, 2025.

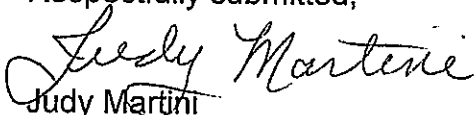
13. Audience

There was no comments.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business. A motion was made by Trustee Lippert and seconded by Trustee Hamm to adjourn. All in favor and motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini
Grant Township Clerk

RESOLUTION # 2024-04– ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY & COMPENSATION

SETTING COMPENSATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS
FOR THE FOUR YEAR TERM BEGINNING MAY 17, 2025
GRANT TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, according to 60 ILCS 1/65-20, the compensation of township officers shall be set by the township board at least 180 days before the beginning of the terms of office, and,

WHEREAS, according to 60 ILCS 1/65-20, the compensation for the road district Treasurer shall be fixed by the township board and shall not be less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 per year, and,

WHEREAS, according to 605 ILCS 5/6-207, the compensation of the highway commissioner shall be fixed by the township board at an annual salary of not less than \$3,000 to be paid in equal monthly installments, or a per diem amount for each day he or she is necessarily employed in the discharge of official duties;

WHEREAS, according to 35 ILCS 200/2-70, the compensation the township assessor and collector shall be set by the township board at the same time the board sets the compensation of its township supervisor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY Board of Trustees for Grant Township that the compensation of the township officials for the four year term beginning May 17, 2025 and ending May 20, 2029 (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029 for assessors and collectors) shall be as follows:

SECTION 1: The salaries for Grant Township officials shall be as follows:

Supervisor’s Salary: salary as follows for the following 4 years:

May 17, 2025 – May 16, 2026	\$ 85,500_
May 16, 2026 – May 15, 2027	\$ 86,500_
May 15, 2027-- May 20, 2028	\$ 88,000_
May 20, 2028 – May 19, 2029	\$ 90,000_

Township Clerk: salary as follows for the following 4 years:

May 17, 2025 – May 16, 2026	\$ 20,000_
May 16, 2026 – May 15, 2027	\$ 20,000_
May 15, 2027 – May 20, 2028	\$ 20,000_
May 20, 2028 – May 19, 2029	\$ 20,000_

ORIGINAL

Highway Commissioner:

- Health Insurance
- Expense Account for necessary and customary out-of-pocket expenses
- Reimbursement for miles driven on behalf of Township business when using personal vehicle
- Have access to a Township vehicle 24/7, including reasonable personal use without charge,
- IMRF
- Receive \$1,000 annually for serving as the Emergency Response Coordinator of Grant Township

PASSED THIS DAY of November 19, 2024

By the Board of Trustees of Grant Township, Lake County, Illinois

SEAL

Township Supervisor: Catherine Anastovic
Trustee Hamm Robert Hamm Trustee Selle Art J. Selle
Trustee Lippert [Signature] Trustee Fischer —

Respectfully Submitted

Township Clerk:

Jessy Martini