Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING-FINAL
AUGUST 18TH, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

The Board of Township Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road in Ingleside, IL. on August 18, 2026

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Nancy Rogers	_x_ Present	___ Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	__ Present	_x_ Absent
	Bob Selle	_x_ Present	___ Absent
	Sharon Burr	_x_ Present	___ Absent
	Elisa Brooks	_x_ Present	___ Absent
Clerk:	Judy Martini	_x_ Present	___ Absent

Nancy Rogers acting as Chairperson and Judy Martini as Clerk, the following official business was transacted:

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

3. Roll Call of Officials:
Present: Trustees Selle, Burr, Brooks and Supervisor Rogers
Absent: Trustee Hamm
Also present: Highway Commissioner Jim Smak, Township Assessor Lisa LaMantia and Township General Assistance Coordinator Jennifer Vackar

4. Audience Comments on Agenda Items: There was none.

5. Approval of Minutes
Motion was made by Trustee Selle to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2026 Board Meeting as amended. Seconded by Trustee Burr. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Selle, Burr and Supervisor Rogers
Nay: None
Abstain: Trustee Brooks (absent from June's Board of Trustees Meeting)
Motion Carried

6. Approval of Bills
Trustee Selle made a motion to accept the bills as presented for the month of July in the amount of $716,684.56. Seconded by Trustee Brooks. There being no further questions the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Selle, Burr, Brooks and Supervisor Rogers
Nay: None
Motion Carried

7. Approval of Investment Report
Trustee Selle made a motion to accept July's investment report in amount of $5,072,446.43. Seconded by Trustee Burr. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Selle, Burr, Brooks and Supervisor Rogers
Nay: None
Motion Carried

8. Miscellaneous
There was no miscellaneous business to report

9. Old Business

a. Update on Building, Parks and Grant Improvements

Supervisor Rogers updated board on progress on improvements in park and thanked the Highway Department for all their help. With the retiring of one employee and the hiring of a new grounds maintenance person everything is going well in the park and grounds.

b. Senior Pizza and Bingo Party Aug. 20th, 2026 update

Supervisor Rogers stated event is sold out and pizzas, salad and sundaes will be served. This will be the last luncheon event of the year at our township location. The remainder of the monthly luncheons will be held at Fox Lake Lakefront location.

c. Report on Loss Control Meeting

Supervisor Rogers attended a meeting with TOIRMA. Supervisor Rogers and Commissioner Jim Smak have requested insurance quotes from TOIRMA. A 90-day notice was sent to our current insurance carrier in order for TOIRMA to give us a quote.

d. Fall Festival

Supervisor Rogers stated the Annual Fall Festival will be held on Oct. 4th from 10-3. Vendor spots are filling up as well as the food truck applications. This year we will expand the car show over by the Highway Department since it was very popular the first year.

e. Any Other Old Business

Trustee Selle reported that he would like to stay at a different hotel other than the one TOI is using for conference. He also noted that TOI Parade of Flags has wrong date down for event.

10. New Business

a. Free Boating Safety Education Training Course

This free course will be held on Sept. 12th from 8-4 in the Township's lower level. It is the second course held at the Township this year and is put on by Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources and the Lake County Marine Unit from the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

b. Any Other New Business: There was none.

11. Consider Motion

a. Discuss & Approve Asphalt Paving section by Superior Paving in the amount of $17,250.00.

Highway Commissioner Smak reported that some of the parking areas have been washed away with all the rain and that we need to address this problem. Motion by Trusee Selle to approve. Seconded by Trustee Brooks. There being no further comments the vote was called.

Ayes: Trustee Selle, Burr, Brooks and Supervisor Rogers
Nays: None
Motion Carried

b. Discuss and Approve Curbs and Sidewalks at Park by Upland Construction and Maintenance LLC in the amount of $18,800.00.

Highway Commissioner Smak reported that this contractor has done a lot of work in the past for the Township and that there is a need for a drain in the parking lot which should be tied into the basin to prevent any further flooding problems in the parking lot. Motion by Trustee Selle to approve. Seconded by Trustee Burr. There being no further comments the vote was called.

Ayes; Trustee Selle, Burr, Brooks and Supervisor Rogers
Nays: None

c. Discuss and Approve 2027 Township Holiday Calendar

Motion by Trustee Selle to approve as presented. Seconded by Trustee Brooks.

Ayes: Trustee Selle, Burr, Brooks and Supervisor Rogers
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

12. Officials' Reports
a. Supervisor
Supervisor Rogers reported how thankful she is for our staff and all of their team work.

b. Highway Commissioner:
Highway Commissioner Jim Smak reported that his staff has been very busy with road projects and reported that his 2026 Road Construction Program is almost complete. The Highway Department has been assisting with the punch list for the Grant Township Park improvements that need to be completed. Highway Commissioner Jim Smak is happy to report that the new fuel tank is being delivered this week. Jim is also looking into different options to calm traffic down coming into and out of the park.

c. Assessor
Assessor Lisa LaMantia reported that the Appeals period runs from August 13th through Sept. 14th and her department will be very busy. There has been transition at the County with the CCAO as Bob Glueckert retired. Nate Herbst has been appointed the new CCAO.

d. Clerk
Clerk Martini informed the Board that the Illinois Public Access Counselor is offering free Zoom classes on the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. These courses do not replace completion of the yearly electronic training for the Townships OMA and FOIA Officers.

Clerk Martini updated the Board on the General Election on November 3rd and that vote by mail applications start August 5th. Early Voting starts September 24 and that voter registration for this election is open till October 6th. Our Township is an Early Voting Polling Place and anyone interested in becoming an election judge should contact the County.

e. Trustees
Trustee Selle commented on his concern on the cost of salt for the Highway Department.

13. Audience: There was no audience comments.

14. Executive Session
Motion by Trustee Selle to enter into Executive Session to approve minutes from Executive Session from 7/21/26 and to review the 6 month Executive Session minutes from 2/17/2026 and 7/21/2026 to either release or to keep closed those minutes. The motion also included that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss. probable litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11). Seconded by Trustee Brooks.
Ayes: Trustee Selle, Burr, Brooks and Supervisor Rogers
Nays: None
Motion Carried and Board went into Executive Session at 7:08PM

15. Motion to come enter into regular Board Meeting
a) Motion to approve Executive Session minutes as amended for 7/21/26 and enter back into regular Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:18 pm by Trustee Brooks. Seconded by Trustee Burr to approve 7/21/26 minutes as amended but keep closed
Ayes Trustee Selle, Burr, Brooks and Supervisor Rogers
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

b) To not release approved Executive Session minutes from 2/17/2026 and keep closed.
Motion by Trustee Selle. Seconded by Trustee Brooks.
Ayes: Trustee Selle, Burr, Brooks and Supervisor Rogers

16. Adjournment
There being no further business to conduct Trustee Brooks made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Selle. Voice vote. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Martini, Grant Township Clerk