

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

Date July 20, 2021
 BOARD MINUTES-FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the
 Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on July 20, 2021

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" 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 6:02pm with the pledge to the Flag.

3. The roll was called:

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

Absent: Trustee Hamm

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen

4. Audience:

There were no comments from the audience.

5. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Lippert, seconded by Trustee Fischer, to approve the minutes of June 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Trustee Selle, and seconded by Trustee Fischer to approve the bills for the period 6/1/21 to 6/30/21 in the amount of \$216,612.28

There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Approval of Investment Report: A motion was made by Trustee Selle and seconded by Trustee Fischer to approve the investment report in the amount of \$5,058,757.04 dated 6/30/21 as presented. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

Supervisor Starostovic called for a moment of silence in memory of the passing of former Grant Township Assessor and community leader Betty Niemi. Discussion ensued by Trustees on how much Betty Niemi was liked by our residents and that she will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to Betty Niemi's family and thank her for her years of dedication to Grant Township and our residents.

9. Old Business:

- a. Building, Grounds, Parks & Maintenance Report: Supervisor Starostovic reported that we are still awaiting on final drawing on the landscape around the sign and will be calling vendor again for an update. Trustee Lippert reminded the Board that an additional electrical outlet be installed on sign for future use. Trustee Fischer asked for an update on the Rock Climbing Wall and Supervisor Starostovic updated Board that it is completed and being well used by children.
- b. Update on Fox Lake & Lakemoor Parade: Supervisor Starostovic reported that Grant Township received 3rd place in the Fox Lake Parade Float Contest and thanked all the staff and Officials who helped make the float such a success. Supervisor Starostovic also thanked Lakemoor for such a nice hometown type of parade and that our float was well received.
- c. Report on Fall Festival: Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Fall Festival is scheduled for October 3rd and that Crafters are already starting to register for booths at the Festival.
- d. Report on Pace Bus Transportation: Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Countywide Transportation Plan was discussed at a Supervisors meeting and that there will be a conference call coming up on July 21st and she will report back to the Board on any progress.
- e. Information on Open Burning & Landscape Waste Disposal Options: Supervisor Starostovic reported that the County just recently had a zoom public informational meeting on the options being proposed and that public comments are still being accepted to the County in preparation of their August Joint Committee meeting with the County's Planning, Building and Zoning Committee and the Environment and Energy Committee. Supervisor Starostovic will be reporting back to the Board with any update.
- f. To Review Executive Session Minutes: Supervisor Starostovic reported that it is a State mandate to have Executive Session minutes reviewed every 6 months. The Clerk has prepared an Executive Session Review Packet which all Trustee's will need to come into the Office to review in preparation of an Executive Session Agenda Item Approval for August meeting. Supervisor Starostovic reported that we have recently added the Disabilities Act on the bottom of our agenda as requested by our new Clerk to help those with disabilities who need accommodations to attend our meetings. Supervisor Starostovic reported that our Clerk had requested looking into having a special designated spot on our monthly agenda for Executive Session. The Trustee's had questions on the subject and she is looking into having attorney review questions.
- g. Any Other New Business. None

10. New Business:

- a. Consider Motion to Accept 2020 & 2021 Audit.

Motion by Trustee Lippert, seconded to Trustee Fischer to approve. Trustee Fischer commented she would like to see a page or footnote added that talks about the effects of COVID had on Township Government operations. Trustees agreed that the COVID impact section should be added. Supervisor Starostovic stated she will contact auditor to discuss. There being no further comment the vote was called to approve with the amendment of additional section about the effects of COVID had on our budget, revenue and expenses.

Aye: Trustee Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

- b. To Appoint Auditing Official for Whistleblower Claims

Supervisor Starostovic reported that recent legislation was passed which mandates that the Township appoints a representative on behalf of employee protection in regards to a whistleblower claim. Motion by Trustee Lippert, seconded by Trustee Fischer to appoint Trustee Bob Selle as the Townships Official Whistleblower Auditor. Trustee Fischer asked if all employees received a copy of the States Attorney opinion on the new mandates and Supervisor Starostovic stated all employees received the information. Road Commissioner Kiesgen commented that she did receive a copy. There being no other discussion the vote was called.

Aye: Trustee Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

11. Officials' Reports

Supervisor: Supervisor Starostovic reported that she has been getting complaints on several homes in the township for junk and debris and is concerned that several of these violations which have been going on for years as the case in Hilldale Manor and the location near Grant Woods Forest Preserve. Supervisor Starostovic had received a letter that was addressed to the County from an area resident about the property in Hilldale and hoped that the County is finally listening about neighbor's concerns.

Clerk Martini reported that she also tried to have the property near Grant Woods Forest Preserve cleaned up and that it has been in court for years. Clerk Martini stated that there is a legal concern with the Courts and they have consistently frowned on taking away someone's property rights.

Supervisor Starostovic also stated that she has been contacted by the Village of Fox Lake about a new potential TIF District called the Fox Lake Crossings which is 62 acres on northwest corner of 12 and Big Hollow Road and will be calling the Village of an upate.

Supervisor Starostovic also reported that the Village contacted the Township about some possible new AirBNB locations in neighborhoods within the Village of Fox Lake.

Supervisor Starostovic is also looking into a new IMRF requirement to report certain employer's costs and participation costs on website. It has to be updated every 2 years and the Supervisor will keep her eye on the mandate.

Road Commissioner: Road Commissioner Kim Kiesgen reported that her staff has been very busy and they have been working within the constraints of her budget even though the gas prices have gone up.

Clerk: Clerk Judy Martini reported that she recently worked with the State Records Department to receive approval for the disposition of Records, which has not been done in years and that she has received approval to discard over 22 banker boxes of records, some dating back to 1984 and will be deposing the records at the Townships next Shred Event. Going forward Clerk Martini stated that she will look into disposition with the States help every year so the files do not accumulate which takes up the much needed space in our file room and basement.

Trustees: no reports

12. Audience:

None

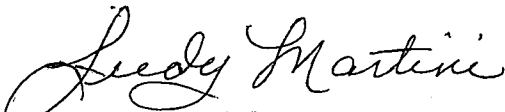
13. Executive Session:

None

14. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Fischer and seconded by Trustee Lippert to adjourn the meeting. The vote was called, all in favor, and the meeting was closed at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini
Grant Township Clerk