

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

January 18, 2022
FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on January 18, 2022

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 type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" 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 AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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, Supervisor Starostovic, and Clerk Martini

Absent: Trustee Fischer

Also present: Assessor Lisa LaMantia and Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers

4. AUDIENCE

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Any Additions or Corrections: None

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 board meeting as presented; motion was seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees: Selle and Lippert, and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Passed: Trustee Hamm

Motion carried

b. August 17th, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve and release the executive session minutes as presented for the August 17th, 2021 meeting, seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further comments or questions to vote was called.

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

6. MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills as presented for the period Dec. 1st through Dec. 31st, 2021 in the amount of \$458,122.30 motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further questions the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Ham, Selle, Lippert and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. MOTION TO APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the Investment Report in the amount of \$5,187,323.44 for the period ending December 31st, 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert and Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Welcome the New Assessor

Supervisor Starostovic congratulated the new Township Assessor Lisa LaMantia and stated that she is confident that Assessor LaMantia will do a great job and that she is great with the people. Assessor LaMantia stated she is eager to be working with the taxpayers and that her hope is that when residents leave her office that they are happy with her departments' service.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Grounds, Park & Building Update

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the new roof for the garage was completed and the contractor worked very hard to complete the job in less than 2 days. Recently the Maintenance Department stripped and waxed the downstairs community room floors on a Saturday, that they looked very nice and that the Township is fortunate to have such a dedicated Maintenance Department.

b. Report on Garage Roof Replacement

Supervisor Starostovic reported that she really appreciated that the roofing contractor took the time to go over the different colors that would work for the roof and that the project came in as budgeted with no over runs. Trustee Lippert also commended the contractor for the great job.

c. Transportation Update

Supervisor Starostovic reported that the 2 vehicles used for the program to provide township residents with rides put on 15,075 miles last year and provided 1,460 rides, with a cost to the township per ride was \$22.63 and a cost per mile being \$2.19. Supervisor Starostovic stated that this program really helps some of our seniors who are in need of transportation.

d. Food Pantry Update

Supervisor Starostovic reported that there appears to be a lot of opportunities currently for those in need of food and the Northern Illinois Food Pantry is now doing 2 pop-up markets in our township. Trustee Lippert commented about the new location of Avon Cares Food Pantry at the Trinity Church in Grant Township which is opened 3 times per week.

e. Discuss Future Township Events

Supervisor Starostovic reported that she is looking into dates in April or May for the annual fish fry so it doesn't interfere with any other events. Supervisor Starostovic also reported that the annual senior bus trip to the casino has always been a successful event in the past and that the township would have to pay for the buses if we are to start the program again.

Trustee Selle commented on having a 5K walk/run on our trails at the Fields of Dreams.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers reported that there is a special event coming up the end of January for Valentines for Veterans in our community room.

f. Discuss Proposal for Future Splash Pad

Supervisor Starostovic stated that the township has been looking into the possibilities of having a splash pad on our property. Trustee Lippert reported he has done much investigation on splash pads and suggested that a representative come to a future board meeting to discuss engineering and possible grant availability.

g. Any Other Old Business

Supervisor Starostovic asked if anyone had any old business they would like to discuss.

Trustee Lippert: mentioned the new County leaf burning ban and has many concerns.

Clerk Martini: stated that the sole source garbage hauler for unincorporated areas of western Lake County will be Groot and goes into effect in June and has concerns on the program.

9 G. ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS (continued)

Trustee Selle: stated he also foresees problems with the new county program and that it will be very difficult for large lots to comply. There was discussion on concerns that the Lake County Forest Preserve doesn't have to comply with the new Lake County ordinance.

Trustee Lippert: reported that he recently discussed a neighbor situation with the Highway Commissioner and that the Highway Commissioner will be contacting the resident again.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review Assessor's Budget

Township Assessor Lisa LaMantia reported that she has gone thru the budget for her department and that there was adjustments that are needed. Assessor LaMantia is proposing to increase her budget by an additional \$18,500 for the year. There is a need to hire an additional employee for the department and is working to fill it as soon as possible. There is also a need in her department for updated computer equipment as well as additional education for some of the employees.

b. Any Other New Business

Clerk Martini reported that election season is upon us, and that petitions to run for office are now available through the Lake County Clerks' Office. She also reported that the Lake County Clerk is currently going through the precinct maps and that the County Clerk will be adjusting precinct numbers to reflect the new county board districts'.

11. OFFICIALS REPORTS

Clerks Report: Clerk Martini also reported that the former District 5 County Board District was divided into 3 separate County Board Districts and that the County Board is reducing its size from 21 members down to 19 effective Dec. 2022. Discussion ensued.

Clerk Martini also reported that she has just received notice that the former Squaw Creek name has formally been changed by the federal government to Manitou Creek. Discussion ensued.

Clerk Martini reported on the federal new program which will send out 4 free COVID tests to each residential area home. The test kits will start being shipped out the end of January. Clerk Martini commented that currently it is almost impossible to find any at home test kits and that they sell for around \$25 a piece if you can find one. The website to apply for the free at home COVID test kits is: COVIDtests.gov

Supervisors Report: Supervisor Starostovic reported that the annual convention for Illinois Township Officials will be in person this fall and any Township Trustees or Officials interested in attending should contact her so she can make reservations.

Supervisor Starostovic also reported that the IMRF final rate for employers went down from 8.30% to 5.64% Supervisor Starostovic also reported that she has received several requests to have the Township do proclamations on school choice issues. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Starostovic also reported that she has received information from Senator Craig Wilcox regarding the availability of funds from the Rebuild Illinois Grants and he is looking for a list of shovel ready projects from the Township that he can submit his request for. Discussion ensued and it was recommended to look at our Township wish list to see if any of the projects are considered shovel ready projects.

Supervisor Starostovic reported that she has received a thank you card from the former Township Assessor Jeri Barr thanking us for the retirement gift and well wishes.

Assessors Report: Assessor Lisa LaMantia reported that there is a new bill SB508 Levy Recapture Bill that is being watched by the County and is waiting to hear back from Chief County Assessor Bob Glueckert on its impact on taxing bodies under public act 102-0519. She will keep the Board informed on any further information.

OFFICIALS REPORT: (continued)

Trustees Report: Trustee Selle reported on one of his relatives' health issues and the Board all wished his family well and she will be in our prayers.

12. AUDIENCE (3 minute participation)

None

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Review Executive Session Minutes

Supervisor Starostovic stated that the Board needs to go into executive session to do our 6 month review of executive session materials. Motion by Trustee Hamm to go into executive session, seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion the vote was called.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

The Board went into executive session at 7:30

The Board came out of executive session at 7:35 and came back into full session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business, Trustee Hamm made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini

Grant Township Clerk