

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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Lake County, ss }
Town of Grant, }

January 15, 2021
Board Minutes - Final

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on January 15, 2021.

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	x__ Present	___ Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	___ Present	_x_ Absent
	Bob Selle	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Tom Lippert	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Karen Fischer	x__ Present	___ Absent
Clerk:	Barbara Schau	___ Present	_x_ Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as chairperson and Nancy Rogers as Deputy Clerk, the following official business was transacted:

1.-2. Call to Order

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

3. Roll Call of Officials

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

Absent: Trustee Hamm, Clerk Schau

Also present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen, Deputy Clerk Rogers

4. Audience

None

5. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes; motion seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills

Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills list dated December 2020, in the amount of \$219,274.22; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further questions or discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report

Trustee Lippert made a motion to approve the Investment Report in the amount of \$4,595,652.44 dated December 31, 2020; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. There being no further discussion or comments, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous

Supervisor Starostovic requested to add a motion for resignation under miscellaneous.

Trustee Lippert made a motion to include a motion for resignation under miscellaneous; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion or comments; the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

- Deputy Clerk Rogers read letter of resignation to Supervisor Starostovic and the Grant Township Board of Trustees from Grant Township Clerk Barbara Schau. Clerk Schau stated notice was effective January 10, 2021 and reason being dual residency would make it difficult for her to serve as Clerk. Clerk Schau stated that she was so very grateful and proud to be part of Grant Township for the past many years.

Trustee Lippert made a motion to accept the resignation of Clerk Barbara Schau effective January 10, 2021; seconded by Trustee Fischer. The trustees wished Ms Schau well and stated how much they enjoyed working with her.

There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

9. Old Business

a. Report on Building and Grounds

- Supervisor Starostovic stated that the maintenance of the grounds was doing well. The maintenance department would be stripping the floors this winter.

b. Discuss Transportation

- Supervisor Starostovic reported that 1 bus driver has been out due to illness. Transportation department has been keeping up but can currently only carry one resident at a time due to Covid restrictions. Supervisor Starostovic stated that an update would be provided at the next meeting. Also stated that our office encourages residents to sign up for the Lake County West Transportation service.

c. Update on First Amendment to IGA for Timber Oaks Property Tax

- Supervisor Starostovic stated that she has been in discussion with Assessor Barr and they both conclude that it is good that Grant High School is changing attorneys.

d. Year-End reports – Food Pantry & Transportation

- Supervisor Starostovic stated that the numbers of residents using the food pantry remain close to the numbers of 2019. Report for Transportation was in officials packets and due to the Covid the numbers were down from 2019.

e. Food Pop-Up at Grant High School Saturday, January 23, 2021

- Supervisor Starostovic reported that the Northern Illinois Food Bank would again provide a Pop-Up Food Distribution at Grant High School January 23rd, 2021 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Supervisor Starostovic stated that due to the sports beginning in February at Grant High School, she has talked to Big Hollow School for a possible location to provide the Pop Ups in February, March and April.

f. Discuss Future Events

- Due to the Covid restrictions events that were held at Grant Township in the past have not been scheduled. Deputy Clerk Rogers brought to the board about having an Easter Drive Thru on March 27th. It would be the same concept as the Halloween Trick or Treat Drive Thru but not as big. The board all agreed to proceed with this event. Trustee Lippert stated that there are organizations that are holding a Calcutta without the parties being present.

g. Any Other New Business

- None

10. New Business

a. Review Assessor's Budget for 2021-2022

- Officials reviewed the Assessor's budget for 2021-2022 that was presented. The budget was slightly lower than last years. Supervisor Starostovic stated that the assessor's office is presently seeing the public by appointment and phone calls.

b. Motion to Approve Appointment for Clerk Vacancy

- Supervisor Starostovic stated that resident Judy Martini was asked to fill the Clerk's vacancy. Judy Martini stated that she would be honored to serve as Clerk of Grant Township. Trustee Lippert stated that Grant Township would benefit from Judy Martini's resources.

Trustee Selle made a motion to appoint Judy Martini as Clerk of Grant Township to finish out the term vacated by Barbara Schau; seconded by Trustee Lippert. There being no further questions or comments, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion Carried

c. Any Other New Business

- Supervisor Starostovic introduced new Caseworker Jennifer Vackar. Jennifer is a resident of Grant Township and the Board welcomed her to the position.

11. Officials' Reports

Supervisor:

- Supervisor Starostovic stated that she is still working on the entrance sign. Trustee Lippert will meet with Supervisor Starostovic and take one more look before finalizing.

Highway Commissioner:

- Highway Commissioner Kiesgen stated that she had been working on the waste hauling situation that has been brought to the township by the residents. Commissioner Kiesgen had put together a folder with how other townships in our county are handling waste hauling. Commissioner Kiesgen had attended a meeting in January. Commissioner reported that the County is looking into taking over and would handle the contracts and bids. This will be looked into the next couple of months. The county is presently working with Waste Management. Commissioner Kiesgen will report back to board if there are any new developments.
- Highway Commissioner Kiesgen reported to the Board that Big Hollow School had annexed into Volo which will get them access to water.
- Highway Commissioner stated that her crew is ready for the snow and have dealt with nuisance snow so far.
- Highway Commissioner Kiesgen stated that she had worked many years with Judy Martini and welcomes her to the board.

Trustees and Clerk

- Trustee Selle – statement regarding the new Speaker in Illinois that is employed by the Grant Township attorneys office.
- Trustee Lippert – none
- Trustee Fischer – none
- Deputy Clerk Rogers – reported that the State of Illinois was sponsoring a community Drive-through test site at the Grant Township parking lot on Monday January 25, 2021 from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

Highway Commissioner:

- Commissioner Kiesgen stated that she hopes it doesn't snow

12. Audience

None

13. Adjournment

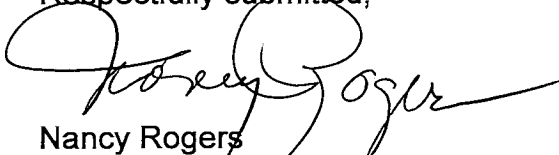
There being no further business before the board, Trustee Lippert made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Trustee Fischer. The vote was called;

Aye: Trustees Selle, Lippert, Fischer; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm..

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Rogers
Grant Township Deputy Clerk