

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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May 18th, 2021
Final Board Minutes – Budget Committee

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on May 18th, 2021.

Attendees: None

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	x__ Present	___ Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Bob Selle	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Tom Lippert	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Karen Fischer	x__ Present	___ Absent
Clerk:	Judy Martini	x__ Present	___ Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as chairperson, Nancy Rogers as Deputy Clerk, Judy Martini as Clerk, Kim Kiesgen as Road Commissioner: the following official business was transacted:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm with the pledge to the Flag.

2. Roll Call of Officials

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

Absent: None

Also present: Deputy Clerk Nancy Rogers, Kim Kiesgen Road Commissioner

3. Preliminary discussion for the 2021-2022 Town Budget

Supervisor Starostovic stated that staff has been very busy working on the budget and proceeded with an overview of the budget proposals. She stated that there was an increase in building repairs because of necessary upkeep for roof repairs, well and sprinkler repairs, seal coating and painting. The office furniture and equipment line item was increased to address the 20 year old replacement of the phone systems, and a new copier which is needed for the office and also one that the assessor needs.

Supervisor Starostovic stated that she is trying to get the social security amounts down. There also is a good carryover in capital reserves because of the grants received last year and that park supplies should be a zero budget next year as Covid has had an impact on income.

After June 11th there should be more township events if the Governor decides to lift Covid restrictions. Supervisor Starostovic also stated that Volo has zeroed out the amounts owed to the Township from their impact fees which will help the budget. Under General Assistance there is an increase for more funds anticipating a larger amount of those needing assistance because of utility shut-offs and emergency services.

Supervisor Starostovic stated that if any Trustees had any further questions or comments to please reach out to her and she will call another budget hearing if necessary and that she will ensure that the tax payer's money is spent wisely.

4. Preliminary discussion for the 2021-2022 Road District Budget

Road Commissioner presented the proposed budget and stated that it is pretty much status quo. The 16 year old utility truck needs replacement and is anticipating the purchase sometime in June. There is a break on the insurance because her department is down 3 employees and there is a \$5,895 workman's comp credit, a \$15,000 party settlement and other credits because of Covid.

4. Preliminary discussion for the 2021-2022 Road District Budget (continued)

Trustee Lippert stated that it appears that the Road Commissioner has a comfortable buffer in her department's budget. Trustee Fischer stated that she has concerns over the cost of lumber for any anticipated maintenance and Commissioner Kiesgen stated that her department will be doing the minimum to keep buildings looking nice while keeping a watchful eye on expenses. The siding of building needs addressing and parking lot needs 3-6 inches of overlay.

Trustee Lippert asked the Road Commissioner for an update on some of the key road improvement projects that the Road Department is working on: Road Commissioner Kiesgen reported that the Fish Lake Road which is going out to bid for MFT. The Nippersink Road project is in the process. Trustee Selle asked about the Fish Lake Road project and Road Commissioner Kiesgen stated that she would like to straighten the road and it will be curbed by Volo but maintained the her department not to lose any MFT funds and that the Village of Volo will be annexing Big Hollow School.

5. Adjournment

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

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

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini
Grant Township Clerk