

# Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

July 19, 2011  
FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on July 19, 2011 at 7:00pm.

## 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
	Rich Stueber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
	Ted Beskow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Clerk:	Barbara Schau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as chairperson and Barbara Schau as clerk, the following official business was transacted:

1.-2. The meeting was called to order at 7pm with the pledge to the Flag.

### 3. Roll Call of Officials

Present: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic, Clerk Schau

Absent: None

Also Present: Assessor Barr, Highway Commissioner Kiesgen

### 4. Adoption of Agenda

Trustee Stueber made a motion to adopt the agenda with 2 additions: Grant Township Pageant be added to the agenda under old business, and the township role in emergency situations be added under new business. Seconded by Trustee Selle, all in favor and motion carried.

### 5. Audience Participation (agenda items only)

No comments

### 6. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Selle and seconded by Trustee Hamm to approve the minutes from the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Stueber asked that the tape of the minutes be reviewed for clarity about what discussed regarding the investment report. He believes there should be a mention of the Village of Volo impact fees. The minutes will be held until the next meeting. Motion was withdrawn.

### 7. Approval of Bills

Trustee Stueber made a motion to approve bills from June 8, 2011 through July 19, 2011 in the amount of \$306,329.71. Seconded by Trustee Selle. The vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

### 8. Approval of Investment Reports, May and June

Supervisor Starostovic stated that approval of the May report was held up because of the issue Rich just spoke of. Trustee Stueber is still requesting that both investment reports be held because on p. 3 apparently there has been a statement come in from PNC because there is \$38.90 reported, which he believes to be interest on that money. But there still is no record of

the \$20,000. Supervisor Starostovic will secure the answer just as soon as possible. We will hold the investment reports until next meeting.

## **9. Miscellaneous**

There were no miscellaneous items.

## **10. Old Business**

### **A. ADA Playground Update**

Supervisor Starostovic reported that Mr. Cowan sent Mr. Wysocki a letter in regard to our request for the property and changing the warranty deed to read that we would release the lease end rental on the Fire Department property. We have not heard back at this point. But in speaking with Ted Beskow III, Supervisor Starostovic mentioned that the township would consider releasing the lease end rental but would like to know how everyone feels about giving up the verbiage in the warranty deed that reads that if the Fire District would ever dissolve, the property would revert back to the township. Consensus was that the property must come back to the township.

### **B. Pedestrian Bridge Report**

The land is marked, Julie will be called and we will be ready to go. The pillars should be in next week if it is marked. Trustee Stueber pointed out caution should be used because it looks like there may be a storm sewer directly under the posts of the bridge.

### **C. Sprinkler System for Football Field**

Before proceeding with a sprinkler system, the board agreed we should have competitive bids; there was concern that the sprinkler heads on the playing field could create a playing hazard. We should probably see a drawing of proposed location for the sprinkler heads. And we will check to make sure we have enough liability insurance. The project could be more complicated than we think it is particularly with maintenance. It was agreed to have a special meeting once all of the information is gathered to make the decision.

### **D. 5K Run/Walk**

Supervisor Starostovic asked officials to sponsor the 5K @ \$25.00 each, and volunteers are needed, too. Supervisor Starostovic asked Highway commissioner Kiesgen to please close the roads for the event.

### **E. Strategic Plan Report**

Supervisor Starostovic asked Kim Isaacson to give the report. The strategic plan committee covered the location of the ADA playground; it also discussed the future goals of the committee and ways to reach out to and listen to different thoughts and views from residents; we discussed winter ideas for the park; and finally, Glenn Isaacson announced his resignation. The committee will also look into creating by-laws.

### **F. Cost of Living Adjustment**

We budgeted a cost of living adjustment for our employees at 2.7%. There was discussion about raises vs. cost of living; Trustee Beskow made a motion to give each employee a 2.7% cost of living increase, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Hamm. Trustee Stueber had a concern about the proposed increase, and being held accountable as a board for the budget when there was a nay vote to approve the budget. Supervisor Starostovic commented that she, as well as everyone on the board has the right to vote the way they feel. There was more discussion about this being a cost of living increase, not an increase in pay as a reward for performance. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Beskow

Abstain: Trustee Stueber,

Pass: Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

## **G. Other Old Business**

Trustee Stueber asked for a financial report from the Grant Township Pageant and would like to know the tax classification of the organization. Supervisor Starostovic said she would do her best to secure the information.

## **11. New Business**

### **A. Donations**

1. Fox Lake Fire Dept. Festival; the consensus was that it was too late to make a donation
2. Dockers Duffers/Shop with a Cop; the funds from this event go to Shop With a Cop at Christmas. Trustee Selle made motion to be a par sponsor for \$100. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hamm, and the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

### **B. Notice of Annexations**

Everyone received one of these notices in the mail. In the future, if anyone has question, please call the township for additional information and we will try to get them answered. The property being annexed is along Route 12, north of the American Legion Hall.

### **C. Purchase of Bench; In Memory of Representative Mark Beaubien**

The board had been polled and all were in favor of a park bench dedicated to Mark Beaubien. Supervisor asked for a motion to spend \$550 for the bench which would be installed in our park. Trustee Selle made the motion, seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Beskow, Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: Trustee Stueber

Motion carried.

### **D. Other New Business**

Trustee Stueber had asked for the topic 'the township role in an emergency situation' to be added to the agenda. He was concerned that during the recent power outage the township office was closed and not able to offer assistance in a time of need. And he suggested the township may want to have an internal meeting to decide how to staff the office during similar situations that may occur in the future. Supervisor Starostovic said this is why she will be asking the board for permission to buy a generator. There should be money available and will add it to an agenda at a later date.

## **12. Officials' Reports**

Supervisor Starostovic:

- the Parade was fun and we hear that Grant Township won first place;
- we have 2 letters from local businesses asking for help to keep the business alive,
- we have information from TOIPAC;
- our insurance representative reports that our insurance may be reduced this year;
- at our August meeting, we will have a sheriff to talk about vandalism and what we can do to reduce the risk, and who to contact;
- newsletter will be out in the next week;
- there is a chamber mixer on 7/21 at Lakefront park, please attend if possible;
- the Senior Picnic is this Thursday;
- next trip is to Botanic Garden
- the 5K is the second weekend in August, and road will be blocked
- the Sidewinders went to the Dominican Republic to play ball and repair buildings, a very heartwarming experience;
- there is conflict in scheduling for the teams; more teams than field time; we're working it out

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen:

- still cleaning up from the storm
- received help from Fremont Township
- have not made it through the entire township, perhaps we are at 80%
- so many people were working together, and found ways to help each other

Assessor, Trustees and Clerk:  
-no reports

**13. Audience**

Kim Isaacson, referring to the lease issue, agreed with the trustees, that the land should revert to the township should the fire district be dissolved; expressed the opinion that employees deserved merit raises and cost of living raises only promotes mediocrity.

Ralph Schultz expressed his opinion about employee raises; he believes there is money for raises, given the funds that are carried over in the budget year to year.

**14. Executive Session**

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Trustee Selle, and seconded by Trustee Hamm to move to executive session; the vote was called, all in favor and the board meeting was closed at 8:24pm.

**15. Adjournment**

Following the close of the executive session, returning to the regular board meeting, Trustee Stueber made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2011 Executive Session, but not release them, seconded by Trustee Selle, and all in favor and motion carried.

There being no further business, Trustee Stueber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Selle, the vote was called, all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schau  
Grant Township Clerk