

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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



November 15, 2011
FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on November 15, 2011.

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

Trustee Bob Selle, acting as chairperson, and Barbara Schau as clerk, the following official business was transacted:

1-2. Call To Order

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

Absent: None

Also present: Assessor Barr, Highway Commissioner Kiesgen

Late Arrival, 7:45: Supervisor Starostovic

4. Adoption of Agenda

Trustee Stueber made a motion to adopt the agenda with the following 2 additions:

1. Under new business, holiday gift cards for employees
2. Under new business, holiday employee luncheon

The motion was seconded by Trustee Hamm, the vote was called, all in favor, and the 2 items would be discussed.

5. Audience Participation

There were no comments from the audience.

6. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Stueber and seconded by Trustee Beskow to accept the minutes of October 18, 2011 as presented. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow

Nay: None

Abstain: Trustee Hamm

Motion carried.

7. Approval of Bills

Trustee Stueber made a motion to pay the bills dated from October 19, 2011 to November 15, 2011. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hamm. The vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Hamm, Stueber with exclusion of invoices 38258 and 38133, Beskow

Nay: None

Motion carried.

8. Approval of Investment Report

Trustee Stueber made a motion to approve the Investment Report dated October 31, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Beskow. The vote was called;
Aye: Trustees Selle, Hamm, Stueber, Beskow
Nay: None
Motion carried.

9. Miscellaneous

The township received a thank you note from the family of Karen Jakstas.

10. Old Business

a. Approve estimated Property Tax levy for Town/Road District

Highway Commissioner Kiesgen presented Ordinance Number 2012-ROAD levying taxes for all road purposes for Grant Township, collectable in 2012. Commissioner Kiesgen pointed out that there was no increase over last year, and kept the amount to be levied at \$893,000.00. Trustee Stueber made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance for the Grant Township Road District, seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Selle, Hamm, Stueber, Beskow
Nay: None
Motion carried.

Trustee Selle presented Ordinance Number 2012-TOWN levying taxes for all town purposes for Grant Township collectable in 2012. Trustee Selle stated that there was no increase over last year's levy, and the proposed amount to be levied would remain at \$1,377,000.00. Trustee Stueber made a motion to adopt the ordinance for Grant Township, seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Selle, Hamm, Stueber, Beskow
Nay: None
Motion carried.

b. TOI Conference Report

Trustee Selle reported that the conference was very well attended, and presented a variety of interesting topics. The recurring theme from the conference was "change is inevitable". He deferred his comments and said he would let Supervisor Starostovic make comments when she arrives.

At this point, the meeting was interrupted by a visit from Santa ... he stopped by to wish Trustee Beskow a happy birthday, and to announce that Trustee Beskow was the Grand Marshall in the Fox Lake Christmas Parade.

c. Park Update

Trustee Selle indicated that we would come back to this topic when Supervisor Starostovic arrived.

d. No other old business to discuss

11. New Business

a. The highway department submitted a resolution to approve and authorize an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

A motion was made by Trustee Stueber and seconded by Trustee Beskow to accept the CDBG resolution. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Hamm, Stueber, Beskow

Nay: None

Motion carried.

b. Trustee Selle announced that the new Fox Lake Library received the Distinguished Building Award, Merit in Design, 2011. The reception was the prior week.

(Supervisor Starostovic arrived from the Stanton School meeting, where she was presenting awards to the children who participated in the organic garden, and donated the vegetables to the Grant Township Pantry)

c. Holiday Parade: The Fox Lake Christmas Parade will be on November 26 at 11:00am. There was agreement that Grant Township would be in the parade.

d. 501 (c)(3) NFP Status of Grant Township

Grant Township Center and the Grant Township Food Pantry are operated as not-for-profit entities. As such, each is required to adopt and provide the Illinois Attorney General, copies of the By-Laws of the not-for-profit status.

Trustee Beskow made a motion to approve the NFP By-Laws of the Grant Township Food Pantry and send them to Lisa Madigan; the motion was seconded by Trustee Stueber. There being no additional discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

Trustee Stueber made a motion to approve the NFP By-Laws of Grant Township Center, and motion was seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no additional discussion, the vote was called:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

e. Request for Trail Use by NIASC

The snowmobile club is again requesting permission to mark a trail on the township property for use throughout the winter. The opinion of the board was that it was ok for them to do so. A vote to give the club approval was called, and all were in favor.

f. 2012 Board Meeting Schedule

A proposed meeting calendar for 2012 was presented to the board for consideration. Trustee Stueber made a motion to accept the calendar of 2012 meeting dates, seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called, all in favor, motion carried.

g. Other New Business

Additions when the agenda was adopted:

1. Trustee Stueber would like each employee to receive a \$50 Jewel Food Store gift card from the Township for the holidays. All agreed it would be appropriate for the holiday season.
2. Trustee Stueber recommended that the township host a luncheon for employees at a location that is within the township so our local government benefits from the tax dollars. Supervisor Starostovic polled the board: all were in favor of a holiday luncheon, but not all felt it was necessary to be within the township boundaries. The decision to have an employee luncheon was tabled pending time for further consideration, and research of available places and dates.

12. Officials' Reports

Supervisor:

- Florence Fischer Turkey Dinner is 12/1
 - The Senior Fair had a terrific turnout, about 400 attended
 - The curb at the pedestrian bridge need not be eliminated, because there is a second access without a boundary; table decision until spring
 - Adoption of Agenda; recommendation to drop that on the agenda; previously discussed, it will be delete from future agendas
 - Supervisor appointed Tom Lippert as chairperson of the Strategic Plan Committee, and he accepted; meetings are 1st Wed. at 7:00pm
 - Distributed article about obsolescence to township government
 - Distributed an RTA progress report; ridership appears to be on the rise
 - Letter from the United States Department of the Interior regarding an application for an Indian owned casino in Kenosha.
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- A letter was received from the mayor of Volo regarding the Molidor Rd./Route 12 intersection and the need for significant improvements at the intersection, in light of recent accidents
 - Asked all of the officials to please attend the annual conference next year, as there really is something for everyone to learn

Highway Commissioner:

- Salt is ready for the season
- Trying to think creatively for quick solutions to the Route 12/Molidor Rd. intersection issue; perhaps rumble strips, or lights surrounding the stop sign, etc. The long term solution is a stoplight.

Assessor:

- Appeals will be completed on Saturday
- 300 appeals have been completed at the township level, and 40 filed at the county

Trustees

- Trustee Selle received very positive comments from several owners in his subdivision about the responsiveness of the assessor's office
- Will be attending a fundraiser for the Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Our township roads always look terrific
- Trustee Stueber commented that the Daily Herald reported that Big Hollow is looking for a 10% increase to their levy

There being no further discussion, Trustee Hamm made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by trustee Selle, the vote was called, all in favor, and the meeting was so adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Schau
Grant Township Clerk