

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

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

October 18, 2011
FINAL

The board of town trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on October 18, 2011.

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" 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 7:00pm with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials:

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

Absent: Trustee Hamm

Late Arrival: Trustee Selle, at 7:06

4. Adoption of Agenda

Supervisor Starostovic requested that items 10a. and 10b. be reversed when the executive session was convened.

Trustee Selle made a motion to adopt the agenda with the noted revision, motion seconded by Trustee Beskow. The vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

5. Audience

No commentary from the audience.

6. Approval of Minutes

There were 4 points of clarification requested for the minutes. Clarify 5 with Ms. Isaacson's stated position; names of installed TOI officers; FLFD; publication date of October.

Trustee Beskow made a motion to accept the minutes with changes, motion was seconded by Trustee Stueber.

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

7. Approval of Bills

There was one change of accounts for one of the bills; the bill in the amount of \$65,325.53 was moved from the Road and Bridge account to the Building & Equipment account. With that change, Trustee Stueber made a motion to approve the bills from September 21, 2011 to October 18, 2011, in the amount of \$315, 223.76; motion seconded by Trustee Beskow. The vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow, Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

8. Approval of Investment Report

Trustee Stueber made a motion to accept the investment dated September 30, 2011, as presented; the motion was seconded by Trustee Beskow. The vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow, Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

As a post-note: Trustee Stueber pointed out that the bank balances and the investment report balances do not match. Supervisor is aware of the discrepancy, and it will be corrected.

9. Miscellaneous

Supervisor Starostovic thanked all of the Grant Township Garden Volunteers, and the staff and students from Stanton School that volunteered to help. Their continued work and support of the garden earned an award from the Fox Lake In Bloom organization.

10. Executive Session

Trustee Beskow made a motion to move to executive session, seconded by Trustee Stueber.

There being no discussion the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

The board moved upstairs for a 10 minute executive session. After review of the minutes from the October 4, 2011 executive meeting, the board unanimously agreed to the next course of action as it relates to the location of the proposed new playground. There was agreement to the letter to be sent to the FLFD, with the addition of the date, and one word change. By voice, the whole board agreed to close the executive meeting and return to the regular board meeting.

Returning from executive session, Trustee Stueber made a motion to accept and release the minutes from the October 4, 2011 executive meeting and motion was seconded by Trustee Beskow. The vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

11. Old Business

a. Sprinkler System Update – work has been completed and the system is working properly

b. ADA Playground – Trustee Stueber made a motion to construct the new playground for the township on the part of the township property that is commonly referred to the ‘multipurpose field’; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. The vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

c. Flower Show - The Fox Lake Lions Club and Grant Township are hosting the annual Flower Show at Grant Community High School on October 26, 2011 at 7:30; tickets are \$10.00. This is the last year that Grant Township will officially sponsor the event. The township will continue to help the Lions Club with the fund-raising event, but does not want to take from their profits.

d. Other – None

12. New Business

a. Lifeline Screening – the mobile unit will be at the township on January 5, 2012. It is open to the community, for a fee, and with an reservation.

b. Dental Insurance – The township received a proposal from Guardian Dental, the township’s dental insurance provider, extending the current policy to cover implant surgery for all employees who are currently covered under the existing dental insurance policy, at a total cost of \$58.96 per month.

A motion was made by Trustee Stueber, and seconded by Trustee Selle, to accept the proposal from Guardian Dental and extend this new benefit to employees currently covered by the policy. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

c. Newsletter Articles – Supervisor Starostovic asked that for suggestions for topics that could be included in the upcoming newsletter.

d. Rotary Donation – The board received a letter from the Fox Lake – Round Lake Area Rotary Club foundation, asking for a donation to help sponsor the annual George Watson Holiday Party for the neediest children in the area. After discussion, Trustee Stueber made a motion to donate \$250 to this event, Trustee Selle seconded the motion, and the vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried

e. Supervisor Starostovic asked that everyone fill out the TOI survey distributed in their packets.

f. Fox Lake In Bloom Awards – both the township and the highway department received an award from the Fox Lake In Bloom committee. Thanks goes to JR & Viola, and Elite Growers for their help and donations. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

g. Other New Business – None

13. Officials' Reports

a. Supervisor –

- Molidor & Rt. 12 Intersection: Burnell Russell, Volo, forwarded a copy of the response he received from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation regarding improvements to this intersection. It is currently budgeted for fiscal year 2012-2017. In light of the recent fatality, the IDOT will take steps to advance the project.

- Big Hollow Focus Groups; 4 attended from the township, and all felt it was a very successful session

- Pedestrian Bridge – Supervisor had a recommendation to not treat the wood for 1 year; next fall would be ideal. There was discussion about opening the curb at the base of the bridge to have full access without a step-up from the parking lot. Supervisor will secure a proposal for the most effective and efficient way to handle.

- Strategic Plan – a list of names, addresses and contact information will be ready for the November 2, 2011 meeting

- Tuesday December 27 is the filing deadline for the Levy and the county office will be closed the day before, Monday December 26, 2011. We will need to begin to work in levies asap to meet the deadlines.

- Copies of the notices to the newspapers should also be placed in trustee mailboxes so everyone has a copy of special notices

- Kim responded to Sheila Kennedy concerns

- A copy of the Clark report is in your packet

- the Fox Lake Christmas Parade is Saturday, November 26, 2011; we have always participated;

- Senior Fair is October 27th at Maravela's; township will have a booth there.

- High Rollers trip to Hammond, Horseshoe Casino was a well-attended trip. Hope to have another trip before the holidays. These trips are self-paid by the participants.

- The Movie in the Park was a great success; the weather cooperated so turnout was good; Jr. Bulldogs provided the popcorn

- The cost for the Pedestrian Bridge project: \$398.00 for the permit, and \$4347.95 to build. The total cost came in under our \$5,000 budget. A contractor estimated that the bridge has a replacement value of approximately \$12,000.00.

- Township received thank you notes from the Kubalanza family and the ADAD Radio Players group who used our meeting room for a fund-raiser for this serious disease (UMDF) in the name of Team Haley.

b. Highway Commissioner;

- Meyers Bay will be blacktopped
- Sullivan Lake Rd will be on hold until next spring
- Oakhurst subdivision; on hold until next spring
- Received award for Stanton Point project; impressed with the updated look

c. Assessor

- assessments will be mailed tomorrow, and be published in the Lake County Journal on Thursday; the deadline for appealing assessments is November 21, 2011
- hoping the township and highway department will consider the current economic situation and be modest when working on the levies. Residents can't continue to pay the enormous property taxes.
 - asking everyone to try to do more with less
 - appeals can be handled at the township level and not have to go to the county. Other townships have experienced increases up to 300% in the number of people appealing
 - county has a different process this year; it may not be as hands on as the township process
 - it is up to the people of the township to take their concerns and complaints to the state and the county; the levying bodies will only look out for their own interests, not the residents
 - consensus that it will continue to be difficult for our residents; our county is the highest taxing county in the Midwest

d. Other Officials – no further reports

There being no further business, Trustee Selle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Beskow. The vote was called:

Aye: Trustees Selle, Stueber, Beskow; Supervisor Starostovic

Nay: None

Motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schau
Grant Township Clerk