Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

May 19, 2015
Board Minutes, Final

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on May 19, 2015.

Attendees:

Supervisor: Kay Starostovic
Trustee: Robert Hamm, Bob Selle, Ted Beskow, Carol Ulasy
Clerk: Barbara Schau

Ms. Kay Starostovic 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 7:00pm with the pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll Call of Officials
Present: Supervisor Starostovic, Trustees Hamm, Selle; Clerk Schau
Absent: Trustees Beskow, Ulasy
Also present: Highway Commissioner Kiesgen

4. Audience
There were no comments from the audience.

5. Motion to Approve Minutes
Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 2015, as presented; seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle; Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion carried

6. Motion to Approve Bills
Trustee Selle made a motion to approve the bills dated April 1, 2015 to April 30, 2015 in the amount of $207,891.60; motion seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no discussion the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle; Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion carried

7. Motion to Approve Investment Report
Trustee Hamm made a motion to approve the Investment Report dated April 30, 2015 in the amount of $3,089,964.58; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle; Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion carried

8. Miscellaneous
There will be a speaker at the Round Lake Library this week.
9. Old Business
a. Legal Representation
Supervisor mentioned the law firms that were being considered as options for Grant Township to consider. As the trustees discussed the firms, it became clear that Ancel Glink Diamond was most likely the correct choice. This firm specialized in townships, there is no retainer, and perhaps most importantly, the firm has visibility throughout township government. To this end, Trustee Selle made a motion to engage Ancel Glink Diamond as our legal firm of record. The motion was seconded by trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle; Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion carried
b. The Budget Hearing has been set for June 16, 2015 at 6:30pm, half an hour prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting.
c. The Fox Lake Fall Festival will be held at Grant Township this year; it was not certain that the Lakefront Park would be available due to new construction. The date is Saturday, October 4, 2015, 11am to 3pm. While intended to be for children, the trustees thought it might be a good idea to add adult entertainment such as a band and beer tent. Given this is year 1 for Grant Township hosting the event, we will most likely implement the original plan. In addition, Fox Lake will be seeking donations to help with the expenses, from businesses as well as clubs/organizations.
d. Consider Motion to Purchase Bike Racks
There are many styles of Bike Racks. Both Supervisor and Highway Commissioner had brought pictures of various options. All agreed, with the very new tech bikes that are so prevalent, racks need to be just as new to meet the needs of the new bikes ... and riders. Trustee Hamm made a motion approving an expenditure not to exceed $1200 to spend on bike racks for the Grant Township park. Motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustees Hamm, Selle; Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion carried
e. Old Business
As reported last month, the GTAAA teams proposed sharing the revamping of the baseball bases. Our share of the expense is $1228; our fields look and play terrific, travel teams love our space, and our park is greatly appreciated.

10. New Business
a. TOIPAC dues for 2015-2016 are $5.00 per official.
b. Resignation of Trustee Theodore "Ted" Beskow
It was with much sadness that Supervisor Starostovic read the resignation letter from Ted Beskow. He cited his health as the reason he feels he needs to step down. With regrets, Trustee Selle made a motion to accept Trustee Beskow's resignation letter, stating how privileged we have been to have his expertise. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hamm. There being no further discussion, the vote was called:
Aye: Trustee Hamm, Selle; Supervisor Starostovic
Nay: None
Motion carried
c. Notice of Emergency Assistance Payout
Township Supervisors have agreed to increase the base Emergency Assistance payout from $245 to $300. Increases will be applied in $50 increments, depending on the number of children/adults in the household. Most of those who are in need and ask our office for help are also directed to and connected with other resources that can also provide assistance.
d. Other New Business
Assessors have a big meeting this week as they respond the concept to combine townships under the premise that there would be budgetary savings.
11. Officials' Reports

Supervisor
-The prescription Drug Card is widely used throughout our community; it appears to be a good resource for our residents.
- We received the EAV from the county
-There is a meeting this Thursday at the Grant Hall in Ingleside regarding the much talked about route 53 extension. Aaron Lawlor from the county will be the speaker.
- The township hosted a Secretary of State event; participation was very high with both rules of the road testing and vision testing

Highway Commissioner
-Finished Benjamin/Highpoint/Ash project; it was a part of a Community Block Grant
-Commissioner tried to secure plans for the stop light project at route 12 and Molidor, however, Volo does not yet have plans from the state.

Clerk
-Shred Event this past Saturday was a huge success. We shredded 6556 pounds of paper in 3 hours, the most we have ever collected. There appears to be interest in the community for continuing to provide this service

Trustees

- No reports

12. Audience

Marti Scheske wanted to confirm that the Township is continuing to provide an electronics dropoff site. Commissioner Kiesgen said it was at the same place at the highway department.

13. Executive Session

Trustee Hamm made a motion at 7:52pm to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. There being no objection, a voice vote was called, all in favor, and the board was in executive session. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Hamm made a motion to adjourn from the executive session at 7:58pm, with no action being taken; motion seconded by Trustee Selle. The vote was called by voice vote, all in favor and the board returned to the regular meeting.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Hamm made a motion to close the regular meeting at 7:59pm; motion seconded by Trustee Selle; the vote was called by voice vote, all in favor and the regular meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Schau
Grant Township Clerk