

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012, 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

Clerk Harriet Ford called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Ford led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Explanation of Procedures

Clerk Ford read the following:

“Only qualified electors of Grafton Township are permitted to make and vote on motions during the Annual Township Meeting. A qualified elector is a current resident of Grafton Township who is registered to vote at his/her present address. All qualified electors are asked to check-in and provide their name and current address prior to entering the meeting room. If their name does not appear on the list of registered voters provided by the County Clerk, a voter registration card or receipt of voter registration must be provided by the individual.

Electors will be given a ballot in order to cast written votes for specific agenda items. Non-resident guests will be permitted to enter after signing their name and address, but will not be permitted to vote or participate in the meeting, with the exception that the Attorneys for the Township and the Road District will participate in certain informational parts of the meeting to explain voting procedures and the pending issues related to agenda items; non-resident law enforcement officers may be permitted to enter to help control the peace.

The Annual Township Meeting shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, unless that item is voted down by the electors. Only items on the published Agenda will be considered at this Meeting. Anyone disturbing or affecting the welfare of the electors at the meeting may be asked by the Township Clerk to leave the meeting and will be escorted out of the Meeting.

Qualified electors are permitted to make and vote on motions made during the meeting. Motions will not be considered if they are not made by a qualified elector.

The following procedure will be in effect for motions from the floor:

- Once recognized by the Moderator or the Clerk, an individual may make a Motion
- No Motion will be recognized unless presented from a designated microphone
- The individual will state their name and address
- The individual will state their Motion
- The Motion must be seconded from the designated microphone
- All individuals will be required to utilize a designated microphone
- The Vote will take place by either standing to cast the vote or by written ballot.”

4. Selection and Oath of Moderator

A. Nominations for Moderator

Motion by Marie Walters, seconded by Linda Moore, to nominate Tad Walters

Motion by Joe Machan, seconded by Rich Ford, to nominate Marci Gordon

Motion by Alyce Jordi, seconded by Dan Ziller, Jr., to nominate Dawn Ellison.

B. Close of Nominations for Moderator

Motion by Sam Smith, seconded by unidentified elector, to close the nominations for Moderator.

Motion Passed.

C. Vote to Appoint Moderator

Marci Gordon was appointed Moderator.

D. Administration of Moderator's Oath of Office

The Clerk administered the Moderator's Oath of Office.

E. Signing of Oath

Marci Gordon signed the Moderator's Oath.

V. Adoption of Rules

Motion by Joe Machan, seconded by Tad Walters to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the sole rules of the Grafton Township 2012 Annual Town Meeting with no amendments.

Discussion: *Irv Blitstein*-Can Roberts Rules of Order be used for this meeting? *Joe Vokaty*-Conflict to use Roberts Rules of Order for meeting since Electors are in charge of the meeting and there are no time limits on their participation.

Motion by Dan Ziller Sr., seconded by Allen Bronton, to call for the question.

Motion Passed.

Vote taken on original motion.

Motion Passed.

VI. Approval of Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Annual Town Meeting

Motion by Tad Walters, seconded by Bruce Augustine, to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion Passed.

VII. Approval of Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Special Meeting of the Electors

Motion by Al Jordi, seconded by Tad Walters, to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Special Meeting of the Electors.

Motion Passed.

VIII. Presentation of Annual Township Financial Reports

A. Presentation of Supervisor's Annual Financial Report

Motion by Sean Smith, seconded by Joe Machan, to not read or present the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report, since there have been no audits for three years and the numbers are not valid.

Discussion: *Joe Machan*-These numbers are not substantiated, why vote on them? *Marie Walters*-Why have the audits still not happened? *Alan Zelinski* stated that the financials should be presented as unaudited financials, but they should still be read since it is just data; could be correct or incorrect. *Phil Grasiola* stated that the report should be read, subject to audit. *Linda Moore* requested the public read a letter from the auditor that is in the packet. *Jennifer Jones* recommended that the financials be read into record, it does not mean they are accepted. *Dawn Ellison* stated that the audit was not approved by the Board, because the Supervisor would not allow the auditor to present the audit to the Board so they could have the opportunity to address discrepancies She recommended that Linda Moore be directed to allow the Board that opportunity.. *Joe Machan* stated that the numbers are unverified data and should not be accepted. *Martin Waitzman* stated that the auditor does not have to present audit line by line; he urged all parties move forward and that the mudslinging should stop.

Motion by Bruce Augustine, seconded by Dawn Burt, to call for a vote.

Motion Passed.

Clerk Ford read the motion.

Motion Passed.

B. Presentation of Highway Commissioner's Annual Financial Report

Motion by Irv Blitstein, seconded by Rich Ford to waive the reading.

Discussion: *Rick Krulick*-He wants answers as to why there have not been audits for three years. The letter the Supervisor said to read simply states that the auditors have not been paid. *Peter Hoffman*-Why not read? It does not mean acceptance.

Motion by Jennifer Jones, seconded by Joe Machan, to call for the question.

Motion Passed.

Vote taken on original motion.

Motion Passed.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

A. Discussion and potential action of Resolution

Pursuant to the authority of the electors, under 60 ILCS 1/30-50 and 60 ILCS 1/30-25, to make all orders for the sale, purchase, conveyance, regulation or use of the township's corporate property (including the direct sale or lease of single township road district property) deemed conducive to the interests of its inhabitants, and to take all necessary measures and give directions for the exercise of their corporate powers:

1. The electors reconfirm the 2010 Annual Meeting Resolution, where at they ratified that two (2) Lots 1 and 2 in A.W. Garlieb's Subdivision of part of the West ½ of the West ½ of Section 28, Township 43 North; Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian and commonly known as 10109 Vine Street, Huntley,

Illinois, was to be sold back to the Township by the Road District for Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) subject to a 20-year leaseback of the garage facility to the Road District; and
Further ratify the Intergovernmental Agreement entered into by the Road District and Township to complete said resolution by the payment of \$200,000.00 in fiscal 2010, \$200,000.00 in fiscal 2011, and \$300,000.00 in fiscal 2012 with an interim lease of the facility while said payments remain due as approved by the Road District and Board on February 10, 2011, at a duly held Board Meeting, with the interim rent being reduced by agreement of the parties at a subsequent Regular Board Meeting to \$1,850.00/mo. upon the installment payments for 2010 and 2011 having been made.

Motion by Joe Machan, seconded by Barb Murphy, to approve the Resolution as read by Moderator.

Discussion: *Tad Walters*-Wants Linda Moore's attorney to speak. *Al Zelinski*-Township sold property to Road District; deemed not legal; not taxpayers problem.

Carl Ottosen-Not a Grafton resident; not Township or Road District Attorney; property title is the issue; 2010 Annual Meeting, the Electors voted to unwind the transaction; 2011 Annual Meeting, the lease terms were not approved. He believes the Road District should not hold the title.

Pam Fender-Board under Supervisor John Rossi wanted to sell building and build a new one; lawsuit ensued; Board put property up for sale; it was professionally appraised at \$1,000,000.; there was another buyer, but Road District wanted the building. All of the attorneys involved at that time agreed. The law has since changed.

Bruce Augustine-If you vote "no" to the proposed Resolution, you are disenfranchising every Elector that passed this action at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Pat Coen-Attorney for Road District; Road District is not a part of litigation regarding the legality of the transaction; this is not a windfall for the Road District. This matter has already been presented and passed by Electors at past annual meetings. An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township Board does exist and payments have been made.

Carl Boden-Per the law, Road Districts cannot own land.

Bob Kunz-The law has changed and Road Districts can own land.

Dan Ziller, Jr.-Original Resolution at 2010 Annual Meeting resolved this issue; a lump sum payment was to be made.

Al Zelinski-If property was worth \$1,000,000, why was it sold for \$611,000? Audits are needed now.

Sandra Dalzell-This matter was voted down at 2011 Annual Meeting, why is this subject still being discussed?

Wayne Shumach- This matter has been resolved. Township needs to move forward.

Barb Murphy-When the 2010 Resolution was passed, the Board did not know the financials. This is why Board passed a financial payment plan. The audits have not been completed and they are still not sure of financials.

Jack Freund-Bought property, not the building they are in; they built that.

Dawn Burt-Only Township in the state that has not conducted audits.

Martin Waitzman-Simple solution if the Township is directed to pay the remaining balance. The Township needs to move forward.

Motion by Joe Machan, seconded by Mary Hardy, to call for a vote.

Motion Passed.

The Moderator read the Resolution again.

Motion Passed.

B. Motion to sell surplus Township equipment valued at \$100 or less.

None

C. Motion to set Annual Town Meeting for Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Joe Machan, seconded by Pam Fender, to set the 2013 Annual Meeting for Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Passed.

XI. Public Comment

Wayne Schumach-Wants to vote on hiring a realtor.

Phil Grasiola-Next Annual Meeting the information should be presented in a more understandable way.

Al Zelinski-Wants to open bids for hiring a realtor.

Joe Kipler-This meeting was a waste of taxpayer dollars. Very disappointed.

Diane Nielson-2010 Annual Meeting, it was voted to sell property, but not at a loss.

Linda Moore-Hiring a realtor was presented to the Board, but they refused to place it on agenda.

Tom Halat-2010 Annual Meeting, electors voted to sell the property for no less than \$99,500.

Board rejected bid of \$100,000 and wanted buyer to pay closing costs. Trustees were wrong.

Dan Ziller, Jr.-The property is in a floodplain and will become less valuable; Electors authority has been usurped.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Jennifer Jones, seconded by Tad Walters, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed/Meeting Adjourned.

Harriet Ford, Grafton Township Clerk **Date**

Marci Gordon, Moderator **Date**