

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP  
2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY APRIL 10, 2014**

**I. Call to Order**

Clerk Kathryn Francis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Clerk Francis led the constituents in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Explanation of Procedures**

Clerk Francis explained voting procedures and that only registered voters would be permitted to vote and that the wrist band would designate them as a registered voter.

**IV. Selection/Oath of Moderator**

A. Nominations for Moderator

**Motion by Dan Ziller, second by Tom Halat to nominate Tim Hoeft as Moderator.**

B. Close of Nominations for Moderator

**Motion by Dan Ziller, second by Tom Halat to close nominations for Moderator.**

C. Election of Moderator

**Voice Vote. Tim Hoeft was appointed Moderator by majority.**

D. Moderator's Oath of Office

Clerk Francis administered the Moderator's Oath.

E. Signing of Moderator's Oath

Tim Hoeft signed the Moderator's Oath.

**V. Adoption of Rules**

Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order as the sole rules of Grafton Township with no amendments for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

**Motion by Dan Ziller Sr., second by Tom Halat to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for the 2014 Annual Township Meeting.**

**Voice Vote. Motion Passed.**

**VI. Approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2013 Annual Town Meeting.**

**Motion by Dan Ziller Sr., second by Loretta Wuich to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 Annual Town Meeting.**

**Voice Vote. Motion Passed.**

**VII. Presentation of Annual Township Financial Reports**

A. Presentation of Supervisor's Annual Financial Report: Discussion and potential action to waive the reading.

**Motion by Al Zielinski, second by Robert Wagner to waive the reading of the Supervisor's Annual Report.**

**Voice Vote. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Al Zielinski, second by Tom Poznanski to approve the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report.**

**All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passes.**

B. Presentation of Highway Commissioner's Annual Financial Report: Discussion and potential action to waive the reading.

**Motion by Robert Wagner, second by Dan Ziller to waive the reading of the Highway Commissioner's Annual Financial Report and to approve the report.**

**All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passes.**

**IX. Old Business**

None.

**X. New Business**

A. Motion to amend Resolution No. 2010 ATM8 (which authorizes the sale of Township Real Property Haligus Road) to remove the restriction that the Township accept not less than \$99,500 for the that property.

**Motion by Al Zielinski, second by Tammy Lueth to discuss amending the resolution to remove the restriction to sell the property for \$99,500 or more.**

**All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passes.**

Moderator opens the issue for discussion.

**Pat Rauschenberger** asked if the property had been valued at \$300,000 at one time.

**Jim Kearns** stated that it had originally been listed at \$99,500.

**Al Zielinski** states that from a valuation perspective we should be very satisfied if we can get \$99,500 since it is open space so people that would be open to buy it cannot really do anything with it. He recommends that we get what we can for it. Others agree.

**Pat Rauschenberger** wondered if it could not be built on because it is wetlands.

**Moderator Hoeft** explained that it could be built on.

**Paul Serwatka** asked how the value was established.

**Al Zielinski** stated that it had already been appraised. He said it is not worth the money to get it appraised again because the limitation of the zoning is what makes it difficult to sell and that the most expedient way to sell it is to let a realtor try to sell it.

**Loretta Wuich** asked if there was a chance at one time to sell it because there was a buyer but the board turned it down?

**Dan Ziller Sr.,** said that at the time the board countered the offer and the deal did not go through.



**Betty Zirk** asked **Jim Kearns** to make a statement.

**Jim Kearns** stated that the floor of \$99,500 should be removed due to the economy and the limited use of the property and associated costs of re-zoning. He said The Board wants to sell it for as much as they can get but that their goal is to sell it this year.

**Paul Sweratka** stated that he has been a realtor for 209 plus years and that a realtor would appraise it and get the highest price they can for it.

**Jim Kearns** said that it is currently zoned Open Property and that unless Lake In The Hills will re-zone it for us, it isn't really buildable without spending \$25,000 - \$30,000 to re-zone it ourselves. He said that we will get every nickel for it that we can.

**Al Zielinski** stated that if it was worth \$99,500 it would have sold already.

**Dan Ziller** stated that we need to remove the floor. He said that they will try to come close to \$99,500 when they do sell.

**Motion by Al Zielinski, second by Loretta Wuich to close the discussion.**

**All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Tammy Lueth, second by Loretta Wuich to amend the resolution to remove the price restriction of \$99,500.**

**All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passes.**

- B. Motion to sell surplus Road District equipment valued at \$100 or more and purchase replacement equipment per Illinois State Statute.

**Tom Poznanski** stated that this item was included in the 2014 Annual Meeting agenda as a courtesy since he already has the authority to sell and that right now he does not intend to sell anything. He stated that per state statute it will be posted and put out for bids.

**Motion by Joe Vokaty, second by Betty Zirk that when the Road Commissioner has surplus equipment he would like to sell that he follow state statute and put it out to bid.**

**All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passes.**

- C. Motion to set Annual Town Meeting for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion by Tom Halat, second by Robert Wagner to set the meeting date for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting as April 14, 2015.**

**All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passes.**

XI. Public Comment

**Rick Lueth** wants to make sure that the website has meeting posted. He said that this meeting was not posted until the afternoon and other agreed. Clerk Francis stated that it was posted in all of places required by statute but she agreed and said that she would post it on the website earlier in the future.

**Tom Halat** commended The Board and everyone for the great job this past year.

**Pat Rauschenberger** wanted to know if there have been any recent audits.

**Loretta Wuich** asked if there is a Senior Transportation Board.

**Jim Kearns** stated there will be a lot of changes relative to transportation and that those changes will take place over the next year.

**Linda Hallman** said she is from Rutland Township and is interested in the busing.

**Jim Kearns** stated that MC ride would be coming to a meeting. They are putting forth a proposal to the village of Huntley and that it would cover the full boundaries of Huntley. **Loretta Wuich** wanted to know if the village was putting forth cab money for rides. **Jim Kearns** said they are not doing that now.

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion by Tammy Lueth, seconded by Betty Zirk to adjourn meeting at 7:33.**

**Voice Vote. All Ayes. Motion passes.**

  
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Kathryn Francis, Grafton Township Clerk

6-04-14  
Date

  
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Tim Hoefft, Moderator

7-30-14  
Date