

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:30 P.M.**

1. **Supervisor Kearns called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.**
2. **Roll Call**  
Present: Trustees Holtorf, Wagner, Ziller and Zirk; Supervisor Kearns; Road Commissioner Poznanski; Assessor Zielinski; Clerk Hurley. Absent: None.
- 3 **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. **Approval of Agenda as posted**  
Motion by Trustee Zirk, second by Trustee Holtorf to approve the agenda as posted.  
Ayes: Trustees Zirk, Holtorf, Wagner, Ziller; Supervisor Kearns  
Nays: None. Motion Carries.
5. **Regular Business**
  - A. Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2015 Township Regular Meeting  
Motion by Trustee Wagner, second by Trustee Zirk to approve the minutes with a correction to #11, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph last sentence, changing "everyone" to "township staff".  
Ayes: Trustees Wagner, Zirk, Holtorf, Ziller, Supervisor Kearns  
Nays: None. Motion Carries
  - B. Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for Town Fund.  
Trustee Wagner asked about PO 2021 for \$2,468.67 in legal fees. Supervisor Kearns informed him that it was to defend the township in the lawsuit relative to FOIA. Motion by Trustee Wagner, second by Trustee Zirk to approve the bills and move PO #2021 to line item 1753 "Legal Fees".  
Ayes: Trustees Wagner, Zirk, Holtorf, Ziller; Supervisor Kearns  
Nays: None. Motion Carries
  - C. Review Road and Bridge Warrant check detail.  
Motion by Trustee Ziller, second by Trustee Holtorf to approve the Road and Bridge Warrant check detail.  
Ayes: Trustees Ziller, Holtorf, Wagner, Zirk; Supervisor Kearns  
Nays: None. Motion Carries
6. **Public Comment/Board Members Response to Public Comment**

Matt Cooper asked for an update to the township compliance with the FOIA request. Township Attorney Joe Gottemoller stated that 279 pages were produced and that there was a question about the pin numbers and their alignment to the other data.

Robert Campbell stated that he wanted to direct his comments to Assessor Zielinski. He said that he lives on Augusta and that he pulled every address on that street to look at the assessed valuations. He said that the houses are all the same but the valuations were very different. Assessor Zielinski said that the differences could be things like the number of fireplaces, the presence of a walk-out basement and other features. There was a discussion about the posting of the 2015 assessments on the website with the "comparables". Assessor Zielinski stated that it could be done the following day.

Bryan McKnight said he appreciates the hard work that was done on the assessments. He went on to say that he was supposed to be on a business trip and unable to attend the township meeting but an elected official posted a comment about Mr McKnight on a popular McHenry County blog and his wife now fears for her safety and the safety of his family. Therefore he had to cancel his business meeting to keep his family safe. Assessor Zielinski said that he made the post on the website as a private citizen and not as a public official. The trustees told Mr Zielinski that should not be posting things against the township on blogs and that he is at all times an elected official, not just when he wants to be one.

**7. Executive Session**

Motion to convene an Executive Session to discuss pending legal actions pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Motion by Supervisor Kearns, second by Trustee Holtorf to adjourn the regular meeting for an executive session to discuss and review personnel issues.

All Ayes.

Nays: None.

Motion Carries.

Regular Meeting adjourns at 7:53pm

Supervisor Kearns returns the Regular Meeting to order at 8:34 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Trustees Holtorf, Wagner, Ziller and Zirk; Supervisor Kearns; Road Commissioner Poznanski; Assessor Zielinski; Clerk Hurley.

**7. Discussion and potential action of items as discussed during Executive Session**

Motion by Trustee Wagner, second by Supervisor Kearns to vote "no confidence" in the Grafton Township assessment process for the 2015 assessments and directing the Assessor to post comparable properties on the website by November 17<sup>th</sup>. Further we encourage all home owners to appeal their assessments before the 30-day deadline.

Ayes: Trustee Wagner, Supervisor Kearns, Trustees Holtorf, Ziller, Zirk

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

**8. New Business**

A. Discussion and possible action on the Township Levy

Supervisor Kearns stated that he would like to keep the levy flat.

Motion by Supervisor Kearns, second by Trustee Wagner that Grafton Township levy \$1,158,939.

Ayes: Supervisor Kearns, Trustees Wagner, Holtorf, Ziller, Zirk

Nays: None. Motion Carries

B. Discussion and possible action on the Road District Levy

Road Commissioner Poznanski has decided to follow suit with the Township to file a flat levy but to levy the new growth. He said that last year it was \$816,620 and this year it would be \$834,686.

Motion by Trustee Ziller, second by Trustee Zirk to levy \$834,686 for the Road District.

Ayes: Trustees Ziller, Zirk, Holtorf, Wagner; Supervisor Kearns

Nays: None. Motion Carries

C. Approval of the Grafton Township 2016 Regular Meeting dates.

Motion by Supervisor Kearns, second by Trustee Ziller to approve the 2016 regular meeting dates on the third Monday of every month at 7:30.

Ayes: Supervisor Kearns, Trustees Ziller, Holtorf, Wagner, Zirk

Nays: None. Motion Carries

**9. Old Business**

A. Discussion and potential action to approve the Grafton Township FOIA policy.

Trustee Wagner explained that the policy document he created doesn't represent changes to the Grafton Township policy, just adds to it based on the newer FOIA requirements. He said that we could leave the existing policy on the website and just add a link to the updated one. He said that one of the new rules is that the policy has to be voted on annually.

Motion by Trustee Wagner, second by Trustee Zirk to approve the policy and provide a link on our website.

Ayes: Trustees Wagner, Zirk, Holtorf, Ziller; Supervisor Kearns

Nays: None. Motion Carries

**10. Committee and Officer Reports**

**Supervisor**

Supervisor Kearns said that he would like to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with The Village for McRide for 2016. He said McRide costs us \$16,000 which is a significant savings over what we were paying to do it ourselves.

Supervisor Kearns said that he is going to sign up with Orkin for pest removal, and is getting the air ducts cleaned.

Trustee

**Audit Committee****Assessor**

Assessor Zielinski said that if Ruperto can get into the website he can get the comparables posted by COB November 17<sup>th</sup>. He also said that the last day for property owners to appeal is December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Road District****Clerk****11. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Holtorf, second by Trustee Zirk to adjourn the meeting.

All Ayes.

No Nays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

Submitted,  
Township Clerk Kathryn Hurley



**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP TOWN FUND  
WARRANT LIST FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING**

With my signature below, I hereby approve of the invoices listed on the following pages being submitted for payment.



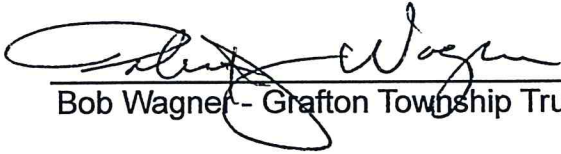
Betty Zirk - Grafton Township Trustee



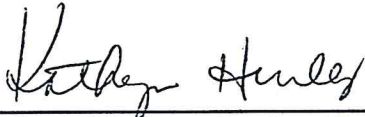
Joe Holtorf - Grafton Township Trustee



Dan Ziller Jr. - Grafton Township Trustee



Bob Wagner - Grafton Township Trustee



Kathryn Hurley - Grafton Township Clerk



Jim Kearns - Grafton Township Supervisor

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

**Date: November 16, 2015**


**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

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| 1. Matt Cooper     |                              |
| 2. Anthony Martin  | 12210 Glacier ST             |
| 3. ROBERT CAMPBELL | 4720 COYOTE LAKES CIR LITTLE |
| 4. BRYAN MCKNIGHT  | 4281 GALWAY DR.              |
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GRAFTON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT  
VOUCHER LIST FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING

With my signature below, I hereby approve of the invoices listed on the following pages being submitted for payment.

  
Betty Zirk - Grafton Township Trustee  
Joe Holtorf - Grafton Township Trustee  
Dan Ziller Jr. - Grafton Township Trustee  
Bob Wagner - Grafton Township Trustee  
Kathryn Hurley - Grafton Township Clerk  
Jim Kearns - Grafton Township Supervisor  
Tom Poznanski  
Grafton Township Highway Commissioner