

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015 7:30 P.M.**

- 1. Supervisor Kearns called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 Wagner to approve the agenda as posted.  
Ayes: Trustees Zirk, Wagner, Holtorf, Ziller; Supervisor Kearns  
Nays: None. Motion Carries.
- 5. Regular Business**
  - A. Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2015 Township Regular Meeting  
Motion by Trustee Wagner, second by Trustee Ziller to approve the minutes as amended by the clerk to correct the Road District levy amount to \$834,686.  
Ayes: Trustees Wagner, Ziller, Holtorf, Zirk, Supervisor Kearns  
Nays: None. Motion Carries
  - B. Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for Town Fund.  
Supervisor Kearns reminded the board that the budget will have to be opened up due to legal fees from the lawsuit. It will be more than 10% and will therefore require a hearing. He said he would like that to happen during the January meeting. Motion by Trustee Zirk, second by Trustee Wagner to approve the payment of unpaid bills.  
Ayes: Trustees Zirk, Wagner, Holtorf, Ziller; Supervisor Kearns  
Nays: None. Motion Carries
  - C. Review Road and Bridge Warrant check detail.  
There was discussion about the repair of a Coral Township resident's antique tractor which was damaged by fresh oil on a Grafton road during the summer. Trustee Ziller asked Road Commissioner Poznanski to call the gentleman and ask him to work through the insurance company. Motion by Trustee Zirk, second by Trustee Wagner to approve the Road and Bridge Warrant check detail.  
Ayes: Trustees Zirk, Wagner, Holtorf, Ziller; Supervisor Kearns  
Nays: None. Motion Carries
- 6. Public Comment/Board Members Response to Public Comment**  
Jeff and Gayle Wylde said they would like to register a complaint about taxes. Their property assessment was published at the incorrect value at about \$130,000. The assessment postcard they received from the county was \$182,000. Mr Wylde said he tried to contact the Grafton Assessor's office but had not gotten a return phone call. Assessor Zielinski asked if he had appealed a few years back, which they did do. Assessor Zielinski said that was why the valuations had been flat for a few years and that now it's just catching up. Mrs Wylde said that if that was the way it worked, why would anyone ever appeal? She thought that it was so that they could get a fair and just assessment. Trustee Wagner suggested that they get an appraisal to add to the appeal, which they have 20 days to do. She pointed out that in researching neighborhood PIN's she found that the comparables are assessed at \$107 per sq ft and her house is assessed at \$133/square ft.
- 7. Executive Session**  
Motion to convene an Executive Session to discuss pending legal actions pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).  
None.
- 8. Discussion and potential action of items as discussed during Executive Session**  
None Needed.

**9. New Business**

A. Discussion and possible action to approve payment of \$6,000 to McHenry County for McRide.

Motion by Supervisor Kearns, second by Trustee Ziller to table A. until after the discussion and action to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County has occurred.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries

B. Discussion and possible action to renew Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of McHenry for McRide.

Supervisor Kearns pointed out that it is the exact same program as last year, except that now we can pay \$500 per month. He explained that the township had been paying \$80,000-\$90,000 per year to do it themselves. With this agreement we pay The Village \$10,000 and The County \$6,000.

Motion by Trustee Ziller, second by Trustee Holtorf to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

Motion by Supervisor Kearns, second by Trustee Ziller to "un-table" the discussion to approve \$6,000 to McHenry County for McRide.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

Motion by Trustee Ziller, second by Trustee Wagner to approve the \$6,000, broken into \$500 monthly payments to McHenry County for McRide.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries

**10. Old Business**

**11. Committee and Officer Reports**

**Supervisor**

Supervisor Kearns reported that the ducts had been professionally cleaned and that there will be new carpeting added to the township offices in January, and the Assessor's office in February. He reported that the offices were being painted by Candie. He said that nothing had been done for the exterior of the building for many years and asked the trustees to think about that when building the 2016 budget. He feels there should be enough money to put it in the budget. In 2014/15 we had a deferred maintenance budget of \$100,000. For 2015/16 we have a deferred maintenance budget of \$50,000.

**Trustee**

**Audit Committee**

**Assessor**

Assessor Zielinski said his office had about 1900 interactions about appeals. He said there were 725 appeals this year vs 682 last year. He said it was about 3% of all parcels and that for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row his office surpassed the Department of Revenue accuracy specifications. He went on to say that there seems to be a power supply problem in his offices and that he thinks it's related to MSWord. He said they lost a week of work when it happened during a backup.

He submitted his proposed budget to the board.

Trustee Wagner asked about those properties whose assessments were adjusted after notification. Assessor Zielinski said it was about 27 properties in Turnberry that the data gave a "0" number of parking spaces. He said those spaces are worth about \$15,000 each. Trustee Wagner expressed disbelief and asked Assessor Zielinski to justify that a parking space is worth \$15,000.

Trustee Zirk was reviewing the budget and asked about the training costs. Other trustees said they feel that we are spending too much on training and systems, especially given how happy people are with their assessments. There was more discussion about the assessors going onto people's properties and looking around, which they are not supposed to do.

Supervisor Kearns reminded Assessor Zielinski that said last year that he would not give him a penny more for salaries. He said that in each meeting from now on we can add to the agenda "Budgets" under old business.

Resident Sean Cratty asked to speak and was granted. He pointed out that Assessor Zielinski claims to run an efficient office but that he is now asking for one more person, so he questions that. He said that he called every township and asked the number of sign-ins they had for the MLS system. He said they all had only one and that we are only allowed one. He also learned that Grafton is the only township that uses the software that Assessor Zielinski says works so well. Assessor Zielinski said that he is not going to change the software he uses since it's free.

**Road District  
Clerk**

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Wagner, second by Trustee Zirk to adjourn the meeting at 8:51.

All Ayes.

No Nays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Township Clerk Kathryn Hurley



# Exhibit I

## GRAFTON TOWNSHIP TOWN FUND WARRANT LIST FOR DECEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING

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

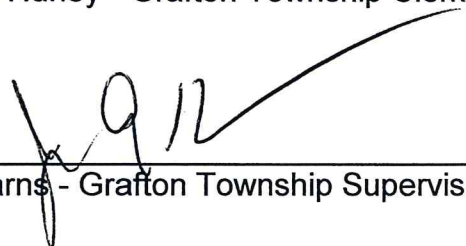
  
Betty Zirk - Grafton Township Trustee

  
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

# Exhibit II

## GRAFTON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT VOUCHER LIST FOR DECEMBER 21, 2015 MEETING

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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

# Exhibit III

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

**Date: December 21, 2015**

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

1. Jeff & Gayl Wy/de

7226 INVERWAY LAKEWOOD

2. SEAN CRATTY

331 Winslow Way LITH

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