

GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, February 16, 2015 7:30 p.m.

1. Supervisor Kearns called the meeting to order at 7:32 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

4. Approval of Agenda

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. Motion by Trustee Ziller, second by Trustee Holtorf to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2015 Township Regular Meeting with a correction in item #10 to record that the van is for the Assessor, not the Road Commissioner.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

B. Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for Town Fund.
Trustee Holtorf asked Assessor Zielinski to explain PO # 20255 for \$349.00 to AlaMode. Assessor Zielinski explained that it is software to assist appraisals. Trustee Holtorf replied that we are not in the business to appraise and asked why we would do one. Assessor Zielinski said he is doing appraisals in order to win appeals. Trustee Wagner stated that the Assessor's Office seems to be on both sides of the appeals process and that it makes it seem as though he doesn't stand on his assessments. A specific instance was cited in which a resident had an outside appraiser value the home at \$660,000. Assessor Zielinski's office gave an assessed value of \$1,000,000. The owner appealed and the Assessor's office re-assessed at \$1,300,000. The response to the property owner was that if the assessor could not get into the house within 30 days the assessed value of the house would be \$1,300,000. All of the trustees then chimed in that the assessor has no business going into people's houses.

Motion by Trustee Holtorf, second by Trustee Zirk to strike PO #20255 from the unpaid bills list.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

Motion by Trustee Holtorf, second by Trustee Zirk to approve payment of the remainder of the items on the unpaid bills detail.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

The Trustees then began to discuss a separate warrant list provided by Assessor Zielinski. Trustee Wagner pointed out PO # 20241 for \$505.00 for Assessor Zielinski MLS dues and PO # 20233 for \$505.00 for a staff member MLS dues. Trustee Wagner said he had read the Mainstreet Organization of Realtors agreement and learned that it is not appropriate for a Township to have an MLS account. He pointed out that the MLS membership accounts are under businesses held by Assessor Zielinski and the staff member and may be used only for non-Township purposes.

Motion by Trustee Holtorf, second by Trustee Wagner not to pay PO #'s 20241 and 20233 each of which are for \$505 and have been identified as non-township expenses.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

C. Review Road and Bridge Warrant check detail.

Trustee Ziller asked Road Commissioner Poznanski about the new oil burner. R.C. Poznanski said that it is working well and they are comfortable enough to work. Motion by Trustee Ziller, second by Trustee Holtorf to approve the Road and Bridge warrant list.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

6. Public Comment/Board Members Response to Public Comment

None.

7. Executive Session

Motion to convene an Executive Session to discuss the transfer of real property pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

None needed.

Supervisor Kearns said that he would like to extend the contract on the Haligus Road property to June 15, 2015 to give the buyer more time to make zoning changes and other things needed.

Motion by Trustee Holtorf, second by Supervisor Kearns to extend the contract date on the Haligus Road property to June 15, 2015.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

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

None.

9. New Business

None.

10. Old Business

A. Motion by Trustee Wagner, second by Trustee Ziller to authorize \$10,000 to cover McRide as part of the agreement with the Village of Huntley.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

B. Motion by Trustee Wagner, second by Trustee Holtorf to approve the agreement with George Roach Associates for the 2014/15 audit.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

B. Discussion of tentative 2015/16 budget for Township Town Fund

There was a lot of discussion about the assessor's budget pertaining to software and salaries. It was determined that Assessor Zielinski and the budget committee would convene to negotiate for the \$43,400 difference between the Supervisor's budget and the budget that Assessor Zielinski submitted.

C. Discussion of tentative 2015/16 budget for Road District

Trustee Ziller requested clarification on salaries for the road district that appear across 3 categories. Road Commissioner Poznanski said he would examine and get back.

11. Committee and Officer Reports

Supervisor

Supervisor Kearns said that with the McRide Intergovernmental agreement with the village, the township will wind down their bus service, finishing up at the end of March. The township website will post Dial-A-Ride information on the website and we will also send out information via mail to the regular riders. He expressed that the McRide service will be better with longer hours and covers a larger area.

Trustee**Audit Committee****Assessor**

Assessor Zielinski says that he is wrapping up appeals and wants to have them done by February 27th so the county can publish their book.

Road District

Road Commissioner Poznanski said there were questions about some revenue for the road district that appeared on the books last month. He said that it was from the village and cannot be spent this year.

Clerk

Clerk Hurley asked the board about making a request of the Village of Lakewood to be invited to planning meetings regarding the proposed sportsplex based on the impact it would have on township roads as currently planned. Supervisor Kearns said that he would contact the Village President and make the request.

Clerk Hurley also notified the board that the Annual Town Meeting would be on April 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Wagner, second by Trustee Holtorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM.

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

Nays: None. Motion Carries.

Submitted,
Township Clerk Kathryn Hurley

Exhibit I

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP TOWN FUND
WARRANT LIST FOR February 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 FEBRUARY 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

Exhibit III

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD**

Date: February 16, 2015

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