

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
Grafton Township Board
May 16, 2016

The Executive Session of the Grafton Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Kearns at 8:02 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Kearns, Trustees Holtorf, Wagner, Ziller, Zirk; Attorney Joe Gottemoller; Clerk Hurley.

Absent: None.

PURPOSE

To discuss pending litigation and personnel issues involving the Township pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

DISCUSSION

Trustees discussed a FOIA request asking for any and all correspondence received from those government officials whom Al Zielinski sent information by mail, asking the board for postage reimbursement. Mr. Zielinski said that what he received from State's Attorney Patrick Kenneally was destroyed. Attorney Gottemoller said that he would contact Assistant State's Attorney Pat Kenneally to get a copy of what was sent. He said that he needed to find out who generates a call to action in response to this records violation. Trustee Wagner pointed out that the policy is that a willful act is not allowed. Therefore, should he be given a warning?

Supervisor Kearns told the trustees that Assessor Zielinski called our "web guy" because he could not pull up old tax records and that he would like to have the records pulled off to clear the memory. We don't know what was pulled. Attorney Gottemoller said that he will send a letter to the "web guy" and let him know that it is a crime to do this and he should not do it again. Supervisor Kearns said he would send a letter to him as well.

Clerk Hurley informed the board that she learned that Assessor Zielinski fulfilled a FOIA request from Cal Skinner. She only learned about the FOIA when Mr. Skinner copied her on final correspondence saying confirming that the information had been received. Trustee Wagner said that he feels Attorney Gottemoller should send a warning letter to Assessor Zielinski one more time. Some trustees felt that we should do something more than another warning. They summarized that he violated the Local Records Act, FOIA act and directed the "web guy" to destroy records assuring him that it was okay to do so.

ADJOURNEMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Kearns, seconded by Trustee Holtorf to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:16 P.M.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed.

Submitted,

Kathryn Hurley
Grafton Township Clerk