

GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Grafton Township, McHenry County, Illinois

Grafton Township Office, 10109 Vine Street, Huntley, IL 60142

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, November 20, 2017 at the Township Offices.

1. **Call to Order** -7:30 p.m. Clerk Watson will be recording the meeting minutes. From Executive Session and following, meeting was not correctly recorded.
2. **Roll Call** – Board Present: Trustee: Cratty, Cooper, Ziller, and Welch; Supervisor Ruth; Road Commissioner Poznanski; Assessor Alan Zielinski, Attorney Gottemoller, Clerk Watson.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2nd by Trustee Cooper, to accept the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote taken, all ayes recorded, motion carried.
5. **Regular Business**
 - A. A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to approve the Minutes of the Township Regular Board Meeting as amended, dated October 16, 2017
Amended changed included:
Meeting date corrected to read October 16, 2017.
Executive Meeting, #8, was held according to State Statute 5 ILCS 120 (c) 3".
Corrected to 5 ILCS 120 (c) 11 at 12.18.2017 board meeting.
Roll call vote taken, all ayes recorded, motion carried.
 - B. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Welch to approve the payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Town Fund.
 - C. During the audit of the unpaid bills and check detail for the Road District, a discussion ensued regarding a Commonwealth Edison bill. Road Commissioner explained that this bill was for the Union/Ernesti Road light. A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to approve the payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Road District. A roll call vote was taken. Voting was as follows: Supervisor Ruth-Yes; Trustee Cratty-Yes; Trustee Cooper-Yes, Trustee Welch-Yes; Trustee Ziller-No.
Motion carried.
6. **Public Comment:**
Resident Timothy Hoeft stated concerns regarding the Road District changes (formally explained in Road Commissioner Department report later in these minutes). He is specifically concerned that the Road Commissioner had asked him if he was willing to help with the

township snow plowing this season, thus costing the Township more money. He also expressed concern that after the Spring, 2017 snow season, the equipment was not being taken care of properly with the current staff.

7. Response to Public Comment:

Road Commissioner Tom Poznanski explained that he did not agree with Mr. Hoeft's concerns regarding the proper care of the snow equipment.

8. Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to call an Executive Session pursuant to State Statute 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Open Meetings Act to discuss possible Litigation, Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. Regular Board Meeting closed @ 7:43 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to reconvene the Grafton Township Regular Board Meeting. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened @ 8:08.

10. Old Business:

Motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty, to adopt the 2018/2019 Town Fund Levy with a decrease of 10%. Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

11. New Business

- A. Road Commissioner Tom Poznanski presented the Road District Levy, a Flat 0% increase, for the 2018/2019 Road District Levy. A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2nd by Trustee Welch to approve the 2018/2019 Road District Levy at 0%. Roll call vote taken. Voting was as follows: Supervisor Ruth-Yes; Trustee Cratty-Yes; Trustee Cooper-Yea, Trustee Welch-Yes, Trustee Ziller-No. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to approve the 2018 McRide I.G.A. increase from \$6,000/yr. to \$7,200 on January 1, 2018. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to not have monetary involvement in the Route 47 Improvements as presented. Roll call vote taken. Voting as follows: Supervisor Ruth-Yes; Trustee Cooper-No; Trustee Cratty-Yes, Trustee Welch-Yes, Trustee-Ziller. Motion carried.
- D. 2018 Meeting Schedule tabled until December Board Meeting.
- E. Assessor FY 2018-2019 Budget Recommendations tabled until December Board Meeting.

12. Committee and Officers Reports

A. SUPERVISOR REPORT

- i. Phone policy for absent meetings discussed.
- ii Executive Meeting Minutes will be reviewed next month during an executive session.

B. TRUSTEES –

- i. Planning commission/comprehensive plan is out dated. Will be putting together a new planning commission and will update the comprehensive plan.
- ii. Trustee Cratty introduced the date of a future event – The Huntley Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner.

C. FACILITY UPDATE COMMITTEE: None.

D. ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Residential appeal hearings will be in December, commercial appeals will be in January, 2018. Notices of hearings will be mailed in March.

E. ROAD DISTRICT REPORT

Road Commissioner Tom Poznanski informed the Board of the Re-Alignment of the Road District staff. He has taken a full time position with another company, and but has a probationary period with them. He will continue to serve as Administrator of the Road District. He reassured the Board that services will not be diminished. Board discussion ensued.

F. CLERK REPORT: None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Welch to to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson
Grafton Township Clerk