

Minutes Approved as Corrected: 5. B. iii. Corrected numeric citing to \$1,110.36; and 8. B. iii. PO 202852 numeric correction to \$77,564.00. Amounts were correct in word format.)

GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Grafton Township, McHenry County, Illinois
Grafton Township Office, 10109 Vine Street, Huntley, IL 60142

MONDAY, November 18, 2019

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at the Township Offices.

1. **Call to Order** -7:31 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** – Board Present: Supervisor Ruth; Trustee: Cratty, Cooper, Welch and Ziller; Assessor Zielinski, Road Commissioner Poznanski, Attorney Gottemoller, Clerk Watson. These minutes were recorded up to the Executive Meeting.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. **A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to Approve the Agenda as posted.** Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
5. **Regular Business**
 - A. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Ruth to **Approve the Minutes of Grafton Township dated October 21, 2019 as presented.** Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
 - B. **Audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail for Town Fund**
 - i. Supervisor Ruth explained the following:
PO 3482, Jamesons Charhouse – Gift Certificates for monthly service to Senior Bingo;
PO 3479, Starkey Laboratories, Inc. – Senior Hearing Aids; and
PO to Carmichael Contrustion – noted that the final bill was lowered.
 - ii. There was a discussion on the invoices submitted by Assessor Zielinski.
A motion was made by Trustee Ziller to pay the unpaid bills/warrant check detail for the Town Fund removing the following PO's:
PO 20850, Cardmember Services, in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Nine and 88/100 Dollars (\$239.88)
PO 20853, CoStar Realty Information, Inc, in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Ten and 36/100 Dollars (\$1110.36)
PO 20854, Entre Computer Solution, in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,900.00)
PO 20857, Entre Computer Solution, in the amount of Three 1Hundred Eighteen and 23/100 Dollars (\$318.23).

There was no second. Motion Failed.

iii. A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to approve the unpaid bills/ warrant check detail for the Town Fund removing the following:

PO 20850, Cardmember Services, in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Nine and 88/100 Dollars (\$239.88)

PO 20851, Cardmember Services, in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Four and 99/100 Dollars (\$144.99)

PO 20852, Cardmember Services, in the amount of Eighty-Five and 95/100 Dollars (\$85.95)

PO 20852, Co-Star Realty Information, in the amount) of One Thousand One Hundred Ten and 36/100 Dollars (\$1,110.36)

PO 20857, Entre Computer, in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,900.00).

Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

C. Audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail Road District

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to approve the audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail Road District. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

6. Public Comment

Residents are signed in and listed in Exhibit that is attached to these minutes.

Resident 1 addressed the Board, specifically Assessor Zielinski, as to how his tax assessment could go up 106%. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Resident 2 addressed the Board, specifically Assessor Zielinski, as to how his tax assessment could go up 92.69% with no change to the property in 15 years. His concerns was if there was a mistake in the assessment 4 years ago, his comment is that it is "irresponsible" of the Assessors office to double the increase now. Comments also included that this type of increase could be "catastrophic" to so many. In his neighborhood, he cited increased of 80%, 103%, 96% and 172.9%. He would suggest "incrementally increase" the assessments instead of the large increases.

7. Board Response to Public Comment

The Board thanked the residents for taking the time to come to the meetings. Trustee Ziller noted that there was a resident in the room with a 348% increase. Trustee Cratty and Cooper suggested to the residents to file appeals with McHenry County Assessor Bob Ross before December 12, 2019, and to vote the Assessor out in the next election.

8. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action to adopt Town Levy

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to adopt the 10% Reduction in the 2020/2021 General Town Fund Levy determined at last month meeting in the amount of

Seven Hundred Twenty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Two and 35/100 Dollars (\$726,922.35) holding flat the General Assistance account (Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars \$33,000) and Insurance Fund Account (Eighteen Thousand Dollars \$18,000). Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding Road District Levy

Road Commission Posnanski discussed his consideration of 5%, 7% and 10% reductions in the Levy, noting that he wanted to help the residents out as much as possible. He proposed a 10% Levy. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth, to reduce the Permanent Hard Road and Road & Bridge Fund Levy by 10% in the amount of Seventy Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$77,564.00), holding flat the IMRF and the Insurance fund. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. Trustee Ziller thanks Road Commissioner Poznanski for his efforts.

9. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action 2020 McRide Intergovernmental Agreement

A discussion ensued questioning why the increase for Grafton versus the Village of Huntley costs and what was the original contract terms. No action was taken at this time.

B. Discussion and possible action 2020 Grafton Township Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to approve the meeting date and time for the Grafton Township Regular Board Meeting to be the 3rd Monday of each month, with a starting time of 7:30 pm. This information will be posted on our website and on our front door.

10. Executive Session: -

A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to adjourn the Regular Township Board Meeting for Executive Session for the purpose of 5 IL CS 120/2(c) 11 Litigation, and 5 IL CS 120/2 (c) Meeting Minutes. Roll Call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Meeting was closed @ 8:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Cratt to reconvene the Regular Township Board Meeting. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Township Board Meeting reconvened @ 8:38 p.m.

11. Discussion and potential actions of items as discussed during Executive Session

Supervisor Ruth made a motion, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2019 as presented for content but not release. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

12. Committee and Officer Reports

SUPERVISOR REPORT - None

TRUSTEE REPORT -

Trustee Ziller asked is General Assistance was on the rise? Supervisor Ruth "not overwhelming.

ROAD DISTRICT - NONE

ASSESSOR - NONE

CLERK- NONE

13. ADJOURMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Cratty , 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Board meeting adjourned @ 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson
Grafton Township Clerk