

APPROVED AS PRESENTED 11.18.2019
GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Grafton Township, McHenry County, Illinois
Grafton Township Office, 10109 Vine Street, Huntley, IL 60142

MONDAY, October 21, 2019

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, October 21, 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.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to **Approve the Agenda** as changed: Regular Business, B. Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for Town Fund moved to after Executive Session. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
5. **Regular Business**
 - A. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to **Approve the Minutes of Grafton Township dated September 16, 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 – See after Executive Minutes.**
 - C. **Audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail Road District**
A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to **approve the audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail Road District.** Roll call vote taken as follows: Trustee Cratty-Yes; Supervisor Ruth-Yes; Trustee Cooper-Yes; Trustee Welch-Yes; Trustee Ziller-No; motion carried.
6. **Public Comment**

Residents are signed in and listed in Exhibit that is attached to these minutes.
Resident 1 commended the Board on the excellent job they are doing and had a few comments regarding the structure of the board meetings.
Resident 2 commented that the cost of rising taxes is frustrating.

7. Board Response to Public Comment

The Board thanked the residents for taking the time to come to the meetings. Further explanation of the Levy was given to residents in attendance

8. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Town Fund Levy

There was a discussion regarding the Town Fund Levy, initially taking no action. However, after discussion of the New Business possible action regarding the 2020/2021 Town Fund Levy Abatement, **a motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to reduce the 2020/2021 Town Fund Levy by 10% 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 \$33,000) and Insurance Fund Account (Eighteen Thousand Dollars \$18,000). A roll call vote taken: Trustee Cratty-Yes; Supervisor Ruth-Yes; Trustee Cooper-Yes, Trustee Welch-Yes; Trustee Ziller-No. Motion carried.**

B. Discussion and possible action regarding Road District Levy

There was a discussion regarding the Road District Levy, no action was taken.

9. New Business

Discussion and possible action regarding 2020/2021 Town Fund Levy Abatement

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to Abate the 2020/2021 General Town Fund not including the General Assistance Fund or the Insurance Fund in the amount of Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Two and 35/100 Dollars (\$726,922.35) Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

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, 5 IL CS 120/2 (c) Meeting Minutes, and 5 IL CS 120/2 (c) 1 Employee of Public Body. Roll Call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Meeting was closed @ 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Welch to reconvene the Regular Township Board Meeting. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Township Board Meeting reconvened @ 8:36 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 August 19, 2019 as presented for content but not release; and to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2019 as corrected (time corrected) for content but not release. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

5. B. Regular Business (approved Agenda order – See 4. Above)

Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for Town Fund

Trustee Cratty made a motion, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to approved the Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Town Fund as presented :

Removing the following PO's:

- a. **PO 20800 , Cardmember Services (Software) in the amount of Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$730.00)**
- b. **PO 20797, Entre Computer Solution (Maintenance) in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$285.00)**
- c. **PO 20793, Entre Computer Solution (Maintenance) in the amount of Two Hundred Eight Dollars (\$208.00)**

Revising: PO 20845, Cardmember Services changing the maintenance (1751) to Equipment (1854) and changing the amount from Six Hundred Ninety and 57/100 Dollars (\$690.57) to Six Hundred Forty Nine and 95/100 Dollars (\$649.95).

Roll call vote taken: Trustee Cratty-Yes; Trustee Cooper-No; Trustee Welch-Yes; Trustee Ziller-No; Supervisor Ruth-Yes. Motion carried.

The Board asked that it be included in public record the following comments regarding vendor Entre Computer Solution:

- i. **Supervisor Ruth commented that Grafton Township will not be using Entre Computer Solution as a vendor going forward.**
- ii. **Trustee Cooper commented that Entre Computer Solution as a vendor has had “poor experience at every turn”, “threatened a lawsuit without a courtesy call “ for a past due bill, and has “experienced service contract issues” in the past.**
- iii. **Trustee Cratty commented that as a “Board of taxpayers it is not fair to end up in court” because the issue of payment to Entre.**
- iv. **Assessor Zielinski noted that “Entre has been an excellent vendor “ to his office, and the lawsuit resulted “in an invoice 3 months past due”.**

12. Committee and Officer Reports

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- i. **Credit from Leading IT has been credited to Township account**
- ii. **Garage door will be installed on 10.22.19**
- iii. **Duct cleaning has been done, repair to HVAC have been completed.**

TRUSTEE REPORT -

- i. **Trustee Ziller no longer wants to do business with Entre.**
- ii. **Trustee Cooper would like for a new cloud backup service company to be used by the Township.**

ROAD DISTRICT

Will be transferring Road Projects to get ready for snow/ice season. All trucks passed annual inspection.

ASSESSOR - NONE

CLERK- NONE

13. ADJOURMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Ziller , 2nd by Trustee Cooper to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Board meeting adjourned @ 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson
Grafton Township Clerk