

GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

MONDAY, December 16, 2019

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at the Township Offices.

1. **Call to Order -7:30 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call** – Board Present: Supervisor Ruth; Trustee: Cratty, Cooper, and Ziller; Assessor Zielinski, Road Commissioner Poznanski, Attorney Gottemoller, Clerk Watson. Trustee Welch was absent. These minutes were recorded.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. **A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to Approve the Agenda as posted.** Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
5. **Regular Business**
 - A. 5. B. iii. Unpaid Bills, PO 20852 to Co-Star numeric corrected to \$1,110.35; 8. B. Permanent Road and Bridge Levy reduction numeric was corrected to \$77,564.00. A motion was made by Trustee Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to **Approve the Minutes of Grafton Township dated November 18, 2019 as corrected.** Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
 - B. Audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail for Town Fund**

A discussion ensued regarding PO 20853 to Co-Star (1756 Software). Assessor presented a contract with Co-Star that has automatically renewed for many years, was signed in 2013. He noted that PO is for 3rd quarter billing, 1 month behind, and 4th quarter billing will become due in February.

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2nd by Trustee Ziller to table the audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail for the Town Fund. 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 Supervisor Ruth 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

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

Resident addressed the Board, specifically Assessor Zielinski, as to how he assessed Property's in this quadrennial year. He cited specific examples below:

Pin #18-18-400-005, Assessed value rose 80% "from \$236K to \$422K", with justification of a home "that sold for \$415K this year as justification"... "The home that was sold for \$415K, you assessed that one at \$226K".

Pin #18-13-300-005: "Before your reassessment, it was assessed at \$400K, which doesn't sound bad since it had sold at \$380K in 2016. And you raised it to \$850,000"...

"a lakefront property just up the road from him (Zielinski), XXXX Turnberry sold for \$475,000 last year"... "That's a house that the same age as Zielinski's address. It is 2400 square feet, 25% smaller than Zielinski's house, on a lot that is 0.6 acres, which is less than half the size of Zielinski's plot. And somehow its valued is \$55 grand more that the assessor's address:...

A full report of Resident's comments is included and made a part of these original minutes.

7. Board Response to Public Comment

Assessor/Real Estate Appraisal defines surplus land as: "*Surplus land. Land that is not currently needed to support the existing improvement but cannot be separated from the property and sold off. Surplus land does not have an independent highest and best use and may or may not contribute value to the improved parcel.*"

A discussion ensued continued between Resident and Assessor with questions asked and answered by both parties.

Trustee Cratty expressed his appreciation as a leader in the community for helping residents on line to help them appeal their assessments.

8. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action regarding 2020 McRide Intergovernmental Agreement
A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to approve the 2020 McRide Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

9. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Township Pest Control
A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to approve Orkin Pest Control for a 1 year contract. Roll call vote, all ayes noted, motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding Township Town Fund Levy Abatement
County has contacted Supervisor Ruth that Abatement can not be done . Supervisor Ruth will work with Township Attorney Gottemoller to be sure that the Abatement can be done.

REGULAR BUSINESS B. Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant Check Detail for Town Fund – CONTINUED:

A motion has been made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to put back on the table the audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check list for the Town Fund. A roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

A discussion ensued regarding the Co-Star PO. Attorney Gottemoller will get contract clarification of dates of roll over and possibility of cancellation, noting that his first look shows a 60 day cancellation, and if sued by Co-Star, court would take place in DC.

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to approve the unpaid bills/warrant check list for the Town Fund removing the following PO's:

PO 20850, Cardmember Services (1756 Software) in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Nine and 88/100 Dollars (\$239.88);

PO 20851, Cardmember Services (1756 Software) in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Four and 99/100 Dollars (\$144.99);

PO 20852, Cardmember Services (1939 Misc.) in the amount of Eighty Five and 95/100 Dollars (\$85.95);

PO 20854, Entre Computer (1751 Maintenance) in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,900.00); AND

Approving PO 20853, Co-Star (1856 Software) in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Ten and 35/100 Dollars (\$1,110.35) if contract can be cancelled after Attorney contacts them for a pro-rated amount up to the full amount. A roll call vote taken:

Trustee Cooper-Yes; Supervisor Ruth-Yes; Trustee Cratty-No; Trustee Ziller-No. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to approve the unpaid bills/warrant check list for the Town Fund removing the following PO's:

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PO 20853, Co-Star (1856 Software) in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Ten and 35/100 Dollars (\$1,110.35).

Roll call vote taken: Trustee Ziller-Yes; Trustee Cratty-Yes; Trustee Cooper-No; Supervisor Ruth-Yes. 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 120/21(c) Executive Meeting Minutes, and 5 IL CS 120/2(c) 1 Employee. Roll Call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Meeting was closed @ 8:52p.m.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to reconvene the Regular Township Board Meeting. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Township Board Meeting reconvened @ 9:00 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 November 18, 2019 as presented for content but not release. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

Attorney Gottemoller informed Assessor Zielinski that State Statute prohibits him from signing a Retainer Agreement with an outside attorney (as he presented to the Board) and that he has "no authority" to do so.

12. Committee and Officer Reports

SUPERVISOR REPORT - Regrettably informed the Board of former Board Member Bob Wagner's recent death and upcoming funeral arrangements.

TRUSTEE REPORT - Trustee Cratty informed the Board of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce dinner February 9, 2020. As in the past, Board Members are welcome to go and ticket will be paid by Township. However, if spouse or significant other would like to attend, they will have to purchase their own ticket.

ROAD DISTRICT - Tractor Crossing sign is put in place. Trustee Ziller asked that it be moved to other side of road for better view. Road Commissioner will look into it.

ASSESSOR - NONE
CLERK- NONE

13. ADJOURMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Cooper , 2nd by Trustee Cratty to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Board meeting adjourned @ 9:04p.m

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk

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