

APPROVED

GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

MONDAY, May 18, 2020

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, May 18, 2020 was held. **Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, this meeting was held as a virtual meeting via phone/computer conference.**

1. **Call to Order -7:30 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call Voice Acknowledgement**– Board Present: Supervisor Ruth; Trustee: Cooper, Cratty, Welch and Ziller; Assessor Zielinski, Road Commissioner Poznanski, and Clerk Watson. Attorney Gottemoller joined the meeting.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. **A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Welch to Approve the Agenda as corrected (Corrected date in 1st paragraph).** Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
5. **Regular Business**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to approve as presented the minutes of Grafton Township Regular Board Meeting, dated April 20, 2020. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
 - B. **Audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail for Town Fund**

A motion was made by Trustee Welch, 2nd by Trustee Cooper, to approved the Audit and payment of unpaid bill/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.

Signatures for the Warrant Check Details for both the Town Fund and Road District were signed by each Trustee, and forwarded to the Clerk. They are attached as a permanent record of these minutes.

6. **Public Comment** - Resident, John Mueller had concerns regarding:
- A. Possible sales chasing by Assessor's Department citing specific examples, including but not limited to Talamore, Turnberry and Sun City.
 - B. He asked Assessor to define "fair cash value" and "how long would it take" to prepare a data base query?
 - C. Resident informed the Board that he FOIA'd eight (8) local townships that use the same software as Grafton the information that he requested of Assessor Zielinski in his 2017 FOIA. Seven (7) of the eight (8) townships responded within 2 days with the requested information. The eighth (8th) township had the information on their website.
 - D. Exhibits provided by Resident are included and made part of these official minutes.

7. **Board Response to Public Comment**

- A. Assessor Zielinski responded that he will await the PAC's response prior to providing information.
- B. Further Board discussion ensued regarding the following:
 - 1. Financial liability to the Township/Taxpayers if this matter goes to litigation.
 - 2. Bringing in an outside auditor and if Assessor Zielinski could obstruct an outside audit; and
 - 3. Board asked Assessor Zielinski to provide Resident with the requested information.

8. **Old Business - NONE**

9. **New Business -**

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Welch, to approve as presented the Agenda for the Budget Hearing to be held on June 15, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

10. **Executive Session: - None**

11. **Discussion and potential actions of items as discussed during Executive Session-None**

12. **Committee and Officer Reports**

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- a. Elected official salaries will need to be set for the next term prior to the filing deadline of November, 2020.
- b. Verified that if catastrophic insurance deductible was needed loans can be obtained and the township could do a "fund to fund" transfers with approval at a special meeting of electors.
- c. Due to the recent rains, Supervisor was able, with help from residents, to sandbag the front entrance to avoid possible flooding to the office.

TRUSTEE REPORT - NONE

ROAD DISTRICT :

Rear parking lot will be fixed when weather allows.

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 @ 8:16 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk