

APPROVED AS PRESENTED 9.21.2020

GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

MONDAY, August 17, 2020

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, July 20, 2020 was held. **Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, this meeting was held in the Road District garage with social distancing and COVID19 protocols followed.**

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

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2nd by Trustee Ziller to approve as presented the minutes of Grafton Township Regular Board Meeting, July 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 discussion ensued regarding PO 20818, Travel Expenses (1760), adding PO 3636 for Leading IT monthly maintenance; and adding PO 3635 for improvements to the website. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cooper, to approved the Audit and payment of unpaid bill/Warrant check detail for the Town Fund with the following changes:

 - i. **Removing PO 20818, (1760) Travel Expenses in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and 56/100 (\$256.66);**
 - ii. **removing PO 20909 (1760) Travel Expense in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Two and 10/100 Dollars (\$132.10);**
 - iii. **Adding PO 3636 (1512) Maintenance Services in the amount of Four Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$412.00); and**
 - iv. **Adding PO 2625 (1751) Maintenance Services in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars.**
 - v. **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 -

A. Resident John Mueller addressed the board the following topics:

- i. Asking again for the Assessor to allow for an audit of his assessment books for 2019 and 2020
- ii. Sales Chasing continues with examples
- iii. 9619 Muirfield, Lakewood, IL assessment
- iv. Assessor Zielinski's email to a public blog

A full transcript of this presentation is included as part of these meeting minutes.

B. Resident C. Huston asked what can be done about the large increase in taxes, asking what can be done.

7. Board Response to Public Comment

Various personal responses were voiced by the Board.

Assessor Zielinski responded that he has the "best sales ratios in the county", his office uses the "market approach" on assessing properties; he presented information supporting his comments that are included in these official minutes.

8. Old Business - Discussion and possible action regarding elected official's compensation for 20215 term

A discussion ensued regarding salaries for the 2021-2021 term. No decision was made.

9. New Business - Discussion and possible action regarding Deputy Clerk for Election Purposes

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to approve the appointment of Candi Prince as the Deputy Clerk for the purposes of the upcoming Election. 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

Annual Treasurer's Report has been distributed and is ready for filing.

TRUSTEES-None

ASSESSOR -None

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Equipment is available for viewing by the Board members. Equipment is getting old and should be replaced. Road project at Andover Acres done, dirt and seeding being completed.

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 @ 8:59 p.m

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk