

**Approved as Presented**

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

*MONDAY, October 19, 2020*

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, October 19, 2020. 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** -7:33 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ziller 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 Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Ruth to approve as corrected the minutes of Grafton Township Regular Board Meeting, September 21, 2020. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. (Date of meeting corrected in first paragraph).
  - B. **Audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail for Town Fund**

After discussions ensued regarding the Town Fund unpaid bills a motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cooper to table the audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail for the Town Fund to after the 9. New Business. Roll call vote taken: Trustee Ziller-Yes; Trustee Cooper-Yes; Trustee Cratty-Yes; Trustee Welch-Yes; Supervisor Ruth-No. Motion carried.
  - C. **Audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail Road District**

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** -
  - A. Resident Ken Azarela questioned Assessor Zielinski on the following topics:
    - i. The "clerical error" date that Assessor Zielinski referred to at the last meeting;

- ii. FOIA Resident requested from Assessor; Assessor responded that it was “unduly burdensome” to provide;
  - iii. Resident requested same information from County and received one year of correspondence within 48 hours.
  - iv. A long discussion ensued regarding the information contained in the emails from the County regarding Grafton assessments.
- B. Resident John Mueller addressed the board the following topics:
- i. FOIA from Mr. Mueller regarding maximum/minimum quality check that Assessor Zielinski would not provide.
  - ii. Discussion continued regarding Resident Azarela’s FOIA that Assessor cited “duly burdensome”
  - iii. Neighborhood 88 and how Assessor Zielinski assessed his own neighborhood

**7. Board Response to Public Comment**

Various personal responses were voiced by the Board.

Assessor Zielinski responded by having no comment. The Board collectively and individually shared their dissatisfaction with Assessor Zielinski not providing resident’s requested information

**8. Old Business – Discussion and possible action regarding elected official’s compensation for 2021-2025 term**

A discussion ensued regarding salaries for the 2021-2021 term. A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Ruth to approve the following elected official’s compensation for the May 17, 2021 – May 18, 2025 term

Supervisor:	\$40,000 Annually, With IMRF
Road District Treasurer:	\$1,000 Annually
Clerk:	\$12,500 Annually, No Benefits
Trustees:	\$125 per meeting, No Benefits
Assessor:	\$40,000 Annually, with IMRF
Road Commissioner:	\$65,000, Annually, with IMRF

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

**9. New Business –**

**A. Discussion and possible action 2021 Grafton Township Meeting Dates**

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cratty to hold monthly Township Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, starting @ 7:30 p.m., at the Township Offices. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted motion carried.

**B. Discussion and possible action 2020-2021 Town Fund Levy. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Welch to determine a flat levy for Grafton Township Town**



**Fund for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.** Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.  
Proposed Levy will be posted for 20 days.

**C. Discussion and possible action 2020-2021 Road District Levy.** Road Commissioner Poznanski determined a flat levy for Grafton Township Road District for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. Proposed Levy will be posted for 20 days.

**D. Discussion and Possible Action CoStar Contract**

A discussion ensued between the Board and Assessor Zielinski as to the needs merited by CoStar. A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Cratty to cancel the CoStar Contract effective November 1, 2020. Roll call vote taken: Trustee Ziller-Yes; Trustee Cratty-Yes; Trustee Cooper-Yes; Trustee Welch-Yes; Supervisor Ruth-No. Motion carried.

**E. Discussion and Possible Action Assessor Transfer of Appropriation**

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cratty to transfer One Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,000.00) from line item 1243 Health Insurance to line item 1756 Software. Roll call vote taken: Trustee Cooper-Yes; Trustee Cratty-Yes; Trustee Welch-Yes; Trustee Ziller-No; Supervisor Ruth-Yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cooper to remove from the table the audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Town Fund. Roll call vote taken: Supervisor Ruth-Yes; Trustee Cooper-Yes; Trustee Cratty-No; Trustee Welch-No; Trustee Ziller-Yes. Motion carried.

**5. Regular Business**

**C. Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Town Fund**

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cratty, to approve the audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Town Fund with the following changes:

- i. Changing PO 20929 from line item 1761 Training to line item 1760 Travel;
- ii. Revising payment amount of PO 20819, line item 1760 Travel, (pursuant to the Grafton Township Travel Policy stipend) to the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Two and 93/100 Dollars (\$172.93).

**F. Executive Session - None**

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

**H. Committee and Officer Reports**

SUPERVISOR REPORT - None

TRUSTEES-None

ASSESSOR -None

ROAD COMMISSIONER:

1. Ordered new lettering for building;
2. Looking into the possibility of a new truck for department.

CLERK- None

### **I. ADJOURMENT**

Being no further business, a **motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cratty to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.** Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Board meeting adjourned @ 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk