

**Approved as presented**

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Grafton Township, McHenry County, Illinois  
Grafton Township Office, 10109 Vine Street, Huntley, IL 60142

*MONDAY, January 18, 2021*

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, January 18, 2021. Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, this meeting was remotely via web access due to Covid 19 pandemic and governmental mandates.

1. **Call to Order** -7:31 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**- Board Present: Supervisor Ruth; Trustee: Cooper, Cratty, Welch and Ziller; Assessor Zielinski, Road Commissioner Poznanski, and Clerk Watson. This meeting was recorded.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. **A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee 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 Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cooper, to approve the December 21, 2020 Grafton Township Meeting minutes. 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 Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cratty, to approve 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 Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 John Mueller had public comments regarding the following:

  - A. Assessment Ratios from the State of Illinois, 2014 - 2019 were presented and made a part of these official minutes. Assessment ratios were incorrectly stated by Assessor Zielinski according to these Public Records.
  - B. Ethics of Assessor Zielinski assessing property privately as his business and also assessing for tax purposes for Grafton Township. Resident presented information, and made a part

of these official minutes, detailing a 2020 Grafton property being privately assessed for sale purposes by Assessor for a value of 62% lower than the assessed tax value (also assessed by Assessor).

C. Resident asked for the resignation of Assessor Zielinski.

**7. Board Response to Public Comment –**

A lengthy discussion ensued by all members of the board, asking different questions of the Assessor but not limited to asking for explanation for this situation by the Assessor. Assessor Zielinski had “no response”; “Not a township issue”.

**8. Old Business – NONE**

**9. New Business – Discussion and possible action 2021-2022 Town Fund Budget**

A preliminary discussion ensued regarding the Town Fund Budget. Suggestions were made, but no final action was taken.

**10. Executive Session – None**

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

**12. Committee and Officer Reports**

**SUPERVISOR REPORT –**

Supervisor Ruth remarked that the General Assistance side is “still quiet”.

TRUSTEES-None

ASSESSOR –None

ROAD COMMISSIONER- None

CLERK-None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, a **motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 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 @ 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk