

Approved as corrected:

Old Business, A. Discussion and possible action regarding 2022-2023 Town Fund Levy

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cooper, to approve the Town Fund Levy (as previously determined) at a 5% *DECREASE* for the amount of \$690,575.00.

C. 3. A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to determine the Road District Levy in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty *Five* Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$755,400.00).

GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

MONDAY, November 15, 2021

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at the Grafton Township Offices.

- 1. Call to Order -7:30 p.m.**
- 2. Roll Call–** Board Present: Supervisor Ruth; Trustee: Cooper, Cratty, Melendy and Ziller; Road Commissioner Kearns, Attorney Gottemoller, and Clerk Watson. Assessor Zielinski was absent. This meeting was recorded.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- 4. A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2nd by Trustee Melendy 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 , 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to approve the September 20, 2021 Grafton Township Meeting minutes as presented. 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, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to approve the audit and payment of unpaid bills/warrant check detail for the Town Fund with the addition of PO 3875, to Rupert Herrera for Maintenance Repair (1512) in the amount of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$450.00). Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
 - C. Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for 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 for the Road District. Roll call vote taken; all ayes noted, motion carried.
- 6. Public Comment – None**

7. **Board Members Response to Public Comment – None**
8. **Old Business**
 - A. **Discussion and possible action regarding 2022-2023 Town Fund Levy**

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Cooper, to approve the Town Fund Levy (as previously determined) at a 5% increase for the amount of Six Hundred Ninety Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$690,575.00) for the General Fund; General Assistance will be held constant @ Thirty Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00); Insurance will be held constant @ Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00). Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
 - B. **Discussion and possible action regarding 2022-2023 Road District Fund Levy**
 1. Road Commissioner Kearns: Presented his proposed Levy with the following:
 - i. Proposed Corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 at Eight Hundred Twenty Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$820,965.00).
 - ii. Represents a Fourteen Per Cent (14%) increase over the previous year.
 - iii. The property taxes extended for debt services and public building commissions lease for 2021 are zero (\$0.00).
 - iv. Presented four years of statistics and previous budget explaining need for black box levy increase.
 - v. 14% increase equals an approximate \$4.59 per household (\$300,000 value).
 - vi. Per Road Commissioner, there is not enough money in the funds to fix the roads properly.
 2. A long discussion ensued regarding the proposed levy, the need for the levy, the current reserve in the Road District budget. Board members expressed a desire for fiscal responsibility to the residents of Grafton Township and did not support the levy increase.
 3. A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2nd by Trustee Cratty, to determine the Road District Levy in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$755,400.00) with the General Road Fund at Two Hundred Thirty Four Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$234,360.00); Insurance at Ten Thousand, Five Hundred Five Dollars (\$10,505.00), IMRF at Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$12,600.00) and Permanent Road Fund at Four Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$497,935.00) for a increase of Four point nine percent (4.9%) increase. Roll call vote taken: Supervisor Ruth-Yes; Trustee Cratty-Yes; Trustee Cooper-No; Trustee Melendy-Yes; Trustee Ziller-No. Motion carried.
9. **New Business - None**
10. **Executive Session, section to be decided – None**
11. **Discussion and potential actions of items as discussed during Executive Session – None**
12. **Committee and Officer Reports**

SUPERVISOR REPORT : None

TRUSTEES: Trustee Ziller asked Road Commissioner to call Lakewood Mayor/Police to ask them to stop targeting farmers hauling grain on Highway 47 during farming season. Many are avoiding Route 47 in Lakewood area, using township roads (which are unable to handle that type of traffic) as an alternative.

ASSESSOR –None

ROAD COMMISSIONER-

- a. Building/Yard cleaned for winter
- b. Snow equipment serviced and ready for winter.
- c. Building repair – waiting for gutters/caulking overhead door

CLERK - None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a **motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.** Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Board meeting adjourned @ 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk