

Approved as corrected. See Trustee Ziller comments, 8. B. on page 2.

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

*MONDAY, November 20, 2023*

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Grafton Township Offices.

1. **Call to Order -7:30**
2. **Roll Call**- Board Present: Supervisor Ruth; Trustee Cooper, Cratty, Lueth and Ziller; Road Commissioner Kearns, Assessor DeBaltz, and Clerk Watson.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**  
A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cooper to Approve the Agenda as posted. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
5. **Regular Business**
  - A. **Approval of Minutes Township Regular Board Meeting**  
A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Ruth to approve the Minutes of the Township Regular Board Meeting dated October 16, 2023 as approved as submitted. 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 as presented. 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 Supervisor Ruth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cooper to approve the audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Road District as presented. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
6. **Public Comment - None**
7. **Board Member Response to Public Comment - None**
8. **Old Business -**
  - A. **Discussion and possible action - 2024/2025 Town Fund and General Assistance Levy**  
A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lueth, to approve and set the 2024/2025 Town Fund & General Assistance Levy at a flat levy. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

**B. Discussion and possible action – 2024/2025 Road & Bridge Levy**

A discussion ensued between Road Commissioner Kearns and the Board regarding the 2024/2025 Road & Bridge Levy. The following comments were noted:

Trustee Lueth expressed “concern, wanted a flat levy” for Road District.

Trustee Cratty : if 4.99% Levy is determined, would rather Road District would Black Box for voter transparency.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth although he disagrees with the 4.99% increase, to approved the Road District Levy at 4.99%. There was no second. Motion failed.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Ruth to table New Business Discussion for a short time to allow Assessor to address Board (She had to leave meeting early). Voice vote taken, all ayes noted. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Ruth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cratty, to resume the discussion on the Road & Bridge Levy. Voice Vote take: Supervisor Ruth-aye; Trustee Cratty-Aye, Trustee Cooper-Aye; Trustee Lueth-Aye; Trustee Ziller-No. Motion carried.**

A discussion further ensued between Road Commissioner Kearns and the Board. RC Kearns comments:

4.99 % Levy vs. 5.00% Levy reduced expenses of newspaper black box

No need for a hearing.

“For all account purposes, money to be put into Road Funds”.

Board:

Trustee Cratty: Would like Road & Bridge to be transparent for taxpayers. He would “have voted for Levy @ 5.00% if he black boxed”.

Trustee Lueth would like “to come down to 2.50%, do a flat levy or black box for 5%” .

Corrected to read as follows: Trustee Ziller: “Do less of road work until the costs comedown to make a flat levy work.”

**A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lueth to NOT approve the Road and Bridge Levy at 4.99%. Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.**

Road Commission Kearns noted that because Board will not approve Levy, he will take it to the court and will go to the judge for approval.

9. **New Business – Discussion and possible action – Transfer of Appropriation Road & Bridge**  
A discussion ensued: RC Kearns requested a Transfer of Appropriation. The Board will wait for the invoice to come due – no action was taken.
10. **Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to 5 IL CS 120/2(c) section to be decided**
11. **Discussion and potential action of items discussed during Executive Session- None**

**12. Committee and Officer Reports**

SUPERVISOR REPORT: There may be a change with computer service due to a change of personal at Leading IT.

TRUSTEES: None

ASSESSOR: None

CLERK - None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, a **motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Ruth to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.** Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Board meeting adjourned @ 8:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk