

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 21, 2024

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, October 21, 2024, starting @ 7:30.

1. **Call to Order -7:30**
2. **Roll Call-** Board Present: Supervisor Ruth; Trustee Cooper, Lueth, and Ziller. Road Commissioner Kearns, Assessor DeBaltz, and Clerk Watson. Trustee Cratty was absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Lueth to remove "8. A. Discussion and possible action - Elected Officials Salary 2025-2029". Roll call vote taken: Trustee Ziller - aye; Trustee Lueth - aye; Supervisor Ruth - no; Trustee Cooper-No. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth, to approve the Agenda as posted. Roll call vote taken: Trustee Cooper aye; Supervisor Ruth - aye; Trustee Lueth - aye, Trustee Ziller - no. Motion carried.
5. **Regular Business**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes Township Regular Board Meeting, September 16, 2024**
A motion was made by Trustee Lueth, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting correction Supervisor's vote on "8. A. Old Business - Discussion and possible action - Elected Official Salary 2025-2029 " to "no". Motion carried.
 - B. **Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for Town Fund**
A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, , 2nd by Trustee Lueth to approve the audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Town Fund. Roll call vote taken: Trustee Cooper - aye; Trustee Lueth - aye, Supervisor Ruth - aye, Trustee Ziller - abstain. 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 as presented. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
6. **Public Comment - None**
7. **Board Response to Public Comment - None**

8. Old Business –

A. Discussion and possible action – Elected Official Salary 2025-2029

Discussions ensued regarding the elected official salaries for the Assessor and Road Commissioner.

Road Commissioner Kearns expressed the following reasons why he felt that the position was worth more money, (in summary):

1. Asked for a cost of living raise;
2. The position is 24/7;
3. RC Kearns “thinks outside of the box”;
4. Road District “running smooth”;
5. RC Kearns has shown “how to effectively and repeatedly bring cost savings” for the department; and
6. The improvements/the job he has performed for the past term.

The Board responded with the following reasons why the salary remains the same (in summary):

1. Not “personal as he is doing a great job”;
2. It is only a part time position; and
3. Sympathetic to inflation/many are suffering.

A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Trustee Lueth to approve the Annual Salary of Elected Officials 2025 – 2029 as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

Supervisor:	\$40,000
Road Commissioner	\$65,000
Assessor	\$67,500
Clerk	\$12,500
Trustee (per meeting)	\$125

B. Discussion and possible action – Wash Bay Renovations

Road Commissioner Kearns would like approval of completion of the wash bay with the Town Fund paying for half of the renovation. He indicated that the bay is 90% finished as heat set up, fan and drain installed. He received 2 bids for the completion of the project. Supervisor Ruth warned that the bid must be put out for bid as it is projected to be over \$30,000. Trustees noted lease states “repair/improvement are the Road District responsibility.” No action was taken.

C. Discussion and possible action – Seal Coat Parking Lot

Road Commissioner Kearns reported that the parking lot has been half completed.

Supervisor Ruth made a motion, 2nd by Trustee Ziller, to approve and pay for the seal coating in the amount of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$15,137.00) from the Town Fund. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried

- 9. New Business – Discussion and possible action – 2025-2026 Town Fund Levy**
Supervisor Ruth presented information regarding the Levy Calendar (must be “Determined” 20 days prior to approval), would like to Determine at the November meeting, and held a discussion as to why there is no need for an increase. No action taken.
- 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: Working on Levy
TRUSTEES: None
ASSESSOR: Books will be certified on Saturday (10/26/2024)
ROAD COMMISSIONER: None
CLERK -None
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**
Being no further business, a **motion was made by Supervisor Ruth 2nd by Trustee Cooper to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.** Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Board meeting adjourned @ 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk