

**APPROVED AS CORRECTED-Regular Business C. PO 14623 was corrected "Removed".
Old Business Total of Levy corrected to be Total of \$620,000.**

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

MONDAY, November 18, 2024

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, November 18, 2024, starting @ 7:30.

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, 2nd by Trustee Ziller to approve the Agenda as presented. .
5. **Regular Business**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes Township Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2024**
A motion was made by Trustee Ziller, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated October 21, 2024 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 Cooper, 2nd by Trustee Lueth to approve the audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Town Fund with the addition of the following PO's:
PO 4472 to Rookies, Line Item 970/Misc., in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)
PO 4470 to Jensen's, Line Item 1511/Maintenance in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Seven and 50/100 Dollars (\$327.50);
PO 4473, to SKC, Line Item #1511/Maintenance, in the amount of Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Five and 94/100 Dollars (\$15,155.94); and
PO 21210, to NJS, Line Item #1854, Equipment, in the amount of One Thousand, Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,200.00). Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion approved.
 - C. **Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for Road District**
A motion was made by Trustee Ziller to approve the Audit and payment of unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Road District as presented with the removal of PO 14623, Line Item 9614 Maintenance Supply/Road in the amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,150.0) 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 - Discussion and possible action 2025-2026 Grafton Town Fund Levy

Supervisor Ruth made a motion, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to "DETERMINE" a Five Per Cent (5%) Reduction Levy for the Town Fund (decrease) , and to Levy a Flat Rate (no increase) for the General Assistance Fund for a total Levy of Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$620,000.00)

B. Discussion and possible action

9. **New Business -**

A. Discussion and possible action - 2025 Township Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to approve the Township Meeting Schedule for to be held monthly on the 3rd Monday, Township offices @ 7:30 P.M. for the calendar year 2025. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action - 2025-2026 Grafton Township Road District Levy
Road Commissioner Kearns DETERMINED that the Levy for the Road District would be a Four and 99/100 percent (4.99%) (Increase).

A discussion ensued. Road Commissioner reasoned the following to the Board:

- i. "Past RC had used up the reserve fund for insurance",
- ii. "Keeping up with inflation" - expectation a 3% rate of inflation with the remaining funds to be put into Permanent Hard Road.

Board disagrees with the RC's Levy for the following reasons:

- i. "Why not do 5% and have a Public Hearing?) Transparency;
- ii. Would like to work together supporting the Levy for the insurance but not increase the overall costs;
- iii. Would like for this not to go to litigation again because the Board opposes, but also does not approve of the increased Levy; and
- iv. Strong feelings from the Board that an increase is not necessitated.

No Board Action taken.

9. **Executive Session, section to be decided - None**

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

11. **Committee and Officer Reports**

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Budget will begin after the holidays.

TRUSTEES: None

ASSESSOR: Need SSL License for our website, will look in the costs.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: None

CLERK -Has been notified that the Democrats will hold a caucus for all positions on 12/3/24.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a **motion was made by Supervisor Ruth 2nd by Trustee Ziller to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.** Voice vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried. The Regular Board meeting adjourned @ 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk