

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

MONDAY, December 16, 2024

The Regular Township Board Meeting of the Grafton Township Board, McHenry County, Illinois was held on Monday, December 16, 2024, starting @ 7:30.

1. **Call to Order -7:30**
2. **Roll Call-** Board Present: Supervisor Ruth; Trustee Cooper, Cratty, Lueth, and Ziller, Assessor DeBaltz, Attorney Gottemoller, and Clerk Watson. Road Commissioner Kearns was absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
A motion was made by Trustee Cratty, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.
5. **Regular Business**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes Township Regular Board Meeting, November 18, 2024 with the following corrections:**
Regular Business
 - i. C. 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 DELETION of PO 14623, Line Item 9614 Maintenance Supply/Road in the amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,150.00).; and
 - ii. **Old Business**
Discussion and Possible Action 2025-2026 Grafton Town Fund Levy
Supervisor Ruth made a motion, 2d 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 of Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollar (\$620,000.00) *Corrected amount.*
A 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 Cratty, 2nd by Trustee Cooper to approved the audit and payment of the unpaid bills/Warrant check detail for the Town Fund with the addition of PO 20217, line item 1761 Training, in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
A 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, 2nd by Trustee Cratty 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 – Discussion and possible action 2025-2026 Grafton Town Fund Levy

Trustee Ziller made a motion, 2nd by Trustee Lueth to approved the Town Fund Levy with 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). Roll call vote taken, all ayes noted, motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action – 2025-2026 Grafton Township Road & Bridge Levy

A discussion ensued with the Board and Attorney Gottemoller regarding the Board's options to approve/deny the Road Bridge Levy as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2nd by Supervisor Ruth, to approve the Road & Bridge Levy as presented, under the following protest:

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF GRAFTON TOWNSHIP

The Grafton Township Board, 10109 Vine Street, Huntley, McHenry County, IL has approved a 4.99% Budget Levy increase for the Grafton Township Road & Bridge District to comply with state statutory requirements. However, this Board wishes to express its strong disagreement with the necessity of this increase and its concerns regarding the lack of transparency and insufficient collaboration throughout the process. This decision was made reluctantly and under protest, with the expectation that future budget processes will prioritize greater accountability and transparency.

Submitted by Kathleen Watson, Clerk, for Grafton Township Board.

Roll call vote taken: Trustee Cooper-aye; Supervisor Ruth-aye; Trustee Cratty-No; Trustee Lueth-aye; Trustee Ziller-No; motion carried.

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 the first of the year.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Lueth will not be in attendance for Jan/Feb meetings. March meeting is tentative for attendance.

ASSESSOR- None

ROAD COMMISSIONER

CLERK - None

12. ADJOURMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Cooper, 2nd by Trustee Cratty to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, all ayes notion, the Regular Board meeting adjourned @ 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M. Watson, Grafton Township Clerk