

**GRAFTON TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 20, 2013**

**1. Call to Order**

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Supervisor Moore, Trustees McMahon, Zirk, Murphy, Clerk Ford, Road District Commissioner Freund, Road District Attorney Pat Coen. Absent-Trustee LaPorta and Assessor Ottley.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**4. New Business**

A. Discussion and potential action on borrowing funds from a lender.

Discussion: Supervisor stated \$100,000 per month is required to operate. Road Commissioner Freund reported that after meeting with the Supervisor and Trustee Zirk, he returned the \$300,000 check he received on 2/14/2013. There was a lengthy, general discussion on the financial issues facing the Township. Trustee Murphy stated that the ongoing inconsistent financial reporting has made this situation even more difficult. Trustee Zirk stated that the lack of acceptable approved audits also complicates the matter. Pat Coen stated that the Township can borrow money from the Road District, but a Line Item would have to be assigned.

**Motion by Trustee Zirk, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to allow public comment.**

**AYE: Trustees Murphy, Zirk**

**NAY: Trustee McMahon, Supervisor Moore**

**ABSENT: Trustee LaPorta**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION FAILED.**

Trustee Murphy requested reconsideration and a new vote be taken on the motion.

**Motion by Trustee Zirk, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to allow public comment.**

**AYE: Trustees Zirk, Murphy, McMahon**

**NAY: Supervisor Moore**

**ABSENT: Trustee LaPorta**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION PASSED.**

Joe Vokaty-Township needs an attorney.

Jim Kearns-Pay bills. Wrong to undo action approved at 2/14/13 Meeting; Items like insurance for an elected official's spouse that has previously been approved should be paid. Supervisor has created this problem.

Tim Hoefl-Loan needs to be paid off; unfair to pass these problems along to impending new elected officials.

Pam Fender-Unofficial meetings and agreements such as the one that occurred yesterday may not be legal; Independent candidates should now be able to understand what Linda Moore has been doing for the past four years.

Donna McMahon-Were the checks that were written already mailed? Supervisor refused to answer.

Marty Waitzman-Cash flow projection is needed; Fundamental that every business or unit of government should operate with a clear understanding of the finances. Road District money market irrelevant since there is a lack of necessary information available to the Trustees and the public. Supervisor responded that cash flow projections were available, but the Trustees did not want to pay for them. Trustee Murphy said that was never the case.

**Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zirk to return the Road District check for \$250,000. To the Township.**

**AYE: Trustees Murphy, Zirk, Supervisor Moore**

**NAY: Trustee McMahon**

**ABSENT: Trustee LaPorta**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zirk to return the Road District check for \$300,000. to the Township as a loan with \$150,000 repaid in June, 2013; balance of \$150,000 repaid in September, 2013.**

**Trustee Murphy withdrew motion.**

**Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zirk to return the Road District check for \$300,000. to the Township.**

**AYE: Trustees Murphy, Zirk**

**NAY: Supervisor Moore, Trustee McMahon**

**ABSENT: Trustee LaPorta**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION FAILED.**

**Motion by Trustee Zirk, seconded by Trustee Murphy, to allow public comment.**

**All present voted AYE. MOTION PASSED.**

Tim Hoef-Should be two separate transactions; \$110,000 is what the Road District can legally loan the Township.

Tammy Lueth-Keep it simple; just meet payroll. Need to do what electors directed.

Pam Fender-Who called meeting on Tuesday with Jack without legally notifying Board?

Joe Vokaty-Backroom meetings are illegal.

Jim Kearns-Borrow just what is needed month to month. Was forensic audit bill mailed? What other checks were mailed? Why won't Supervisor answer and be forthcoming with the public? Supervisor Moore said that Intergovernmental Agreement is for 3/31/13, so there is time. The Road District has a \$500,000 money market just sitting there for over 12 months. She has contacted three banks. The completed 2012 audit will be required. Yes, she mailed the check for the forensic audit as well as all other checks.

**Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zirk to reissue the Road District check for \$300,000. per the Intergovernmental Agreement.**

**AYE: Trustees Murphy, Zirk, Supervisor Moore, Trustee McMahon**

**NAY: None**

**ABSENT: Trustee LaPorta**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zirk to have the Road District lend the Township a maximum of 10% per Line Items of excess funds at an interest rate of 4% to be repaid in full by July 1, 2013.**

**AYE: Trustees Murphy, Zirk, Supervisor Moore**

**NAY: Trustee McMahon**

**ABSENT: Trustee LaPorta**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION PASSED.**

B. Discussion and potential action on 2013 Annual Meeting.

Clerk Ford reported that she will not be responsible for management of the meeting since she already has an official role at the meeting. She reported that she has confirmed the availability and associated cost for 1) Huntley High School; 2) Marlowe Middle School; 3) Huntley American Legion; and 4) Huntley Park District. Only the American Legion would charge (\$25.00).

The Township sound system will have to be utilized. The Supervisor would be required to sign any necessary paperwork and bring/set up Township sound system since she is the only individual with access to the system. The Trustees and volunteers could handle registration. The Clerk continued to state that Shawn/videographer from two years ago would charge \$250.00 to videotape the meeting.

**Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zirk, to conduct the 2013 Annual Meeting at Marlowe Middle School.**

**All present voted AYE. MOTION PASSED.**

**Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zirk, to hire Shawn, at a rate of \$250.00, to videotape the April 16, 2013 Annual Meeting.**

**AYE: Trustees Murphy, Zirk, Supervisor Moore**

**NAY: Trustee McMahan**

**ABSENT: Trustee LaPorta**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**6. Trustees Report**

Trustee Murphy asked Supervisor Moore why she informed staff in the Assessor's Office that their payroll was in jeopardy when the Assessor was not over budget. Supervisor did not respond.

**7. Adjournment**

**Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Zirk, to adjourn the meeting.**

**All present voted AYE. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**

Submitted,



Harriet Ford  
Grafton Township Clerk