

# **Grant Township Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

January 9, 2017

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM opening with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance on January 9, 2017 by Stanley VanSingel, Supervisor.

### **Present**

Stanley VanSingel, Gladys VeltKamp, Edith Elsenheimer, Janet Lesley and Max Mellon

### **Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes from the December 5, 2016 meeting, was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Max Mellon. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

### **Clerk**

No after audit bills this month.

Gladys presented a copy of the MTA conference information packet for April 10 – 13 to be held in Lansing. Gladys will register all that want to attend this conference and make room reservations.

### **Zoning**

Kim Martens provided permit and zoning activity for the month of December in addition to an overview of all requests received and processed for 2016 showing a substantial increase over 2015.

There will not be a planning meeting in January. The next planning commission meeting will be held on February 16. There will be a Special meeting for the ZBA to hear the case for Dan Tellkamp.

### **Fire Report**

Larry Bisson provided a summary from the December 26, 2016 meeting and informed the board that an election for a new Fire Chief will take place in November 2017.

## **Planning Commission**

Not represented this month, updates provided by Kim Martens.

### **Open Issues**

- Stan asked that Gladys read the memo received regarding the request received from Nestle-Gerber to obtain approval from area municipalities to legally haul waste to the Wayne County Energy Incinerator.  
A motion to approve was made by Gladys VeltKamp, seconded by Edith Elsenheimer to approve amending to the Newaygo County Solid Waste Management Plan to allow export of solid waste to Wayne County. All were in favor and the motion passed. Gladys will fax a copy of the meeting minutes showing the approval to Dale Twing/Newaygo County.
- The board discussed that we are still waiting for additional pricing for new sign options to replace our current sign. We have received information from Johnson Sign, who we will have attend our March meeting to make a presentation. Hard wiring vs wireless was recommended during discussion by board.
- A podium has been ordered for meeting usage. (\*\*Note: Podium arrived 1/11/17)
- Stan will not be in attendance for our February meeting. His position for that meeting will be filled by one of the trustees.

### **New Business**

- Trisha Rose and Jim Fues addressed the board to request permission to begin splitting and selling property with any subsequent building to be contingent on road upgrades and approvals. It is the board's opinion that road updates and approvals should be made before any property splits and ownership changes occur. Kim will check with attorney, Cliff Bloom for his opinion and will then notify the owners.
- We will have two presentations at our next meeting on February 6, 2017
  - \*\* A Representative from The Newaygo County Building Inspectors office will provide a report
  - \*\* Newaygo County Recycling will provide a presentation
- The next Board of Review will meet here on Tuesday, March 7th.
- Stan discussed Edie's upcoming surgery and the need to have someone fill in for her in her absence. Gladys made the motion to hire Edith's daughter Jennifer, who is familiar with her role at a rate of \$15.30 per hour in her absence. The motion was seconded by Janet Lesley, all were in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm by Stanley VanSingel, supervisor. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on February 6, 2017.