

# **Grant Township Board**

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2016

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order, opening with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM on October 3rd, by Stanley VanSingel, supervisor.

## **Present**

Stanley VanSingel, Gladys VeltKamp, Edith Elsenheimer, Janet Lesley and Edith Walton

## **Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes from the September 12th meeting, and Treasurers report for August was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Edith Elsenheimer. All were in favor with the exception of Edith Walton; the motion was carried.

## **Clerk**

The motion was made to add after audit bills to the table by Janet Lesley and seconded by Edith Elsenheimer.

Gladys submitted four after audit bills for consideration. One for office supplies from Integrity Business solutions, one for cemetery supplies from Moe's Hardware, another from A1 auto for recharging the generator and lastly a bill from H & S for the annual compilation of financial records for April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016. All were in favor of payment for all listed billings and the motion passed.

## **Zoning**

Kim Martens provided zoning activity for the month of September and stated that the next Planning Commission meeting will take place on October 27<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of reviewing a request for land use changes by North woods landscaping.

## **Fire Report**

Larry Bisson stated that the department recently purchased the stabilizing equipment needed to aid in rescue efforts. Their next meeting will be held the end of October.

## **Planning Commission**

Not represented this month

## **Open Issues**

- The Flu Clinic will take place this week; Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 pm. here at the township hall.
- Window cleaning will take place Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The review of estimates and purchase of a new lawnmower for the cemetery is tabled until next month.
- The trees along the road at each exit from the cemetery have been trimmed to allow for better visibility.
- There was a question from Edith Walton on if trimming would take place around road signs as she feels they have been let go. This is a question for the road commission.

## **New Business**

- Jeff McCray from Burnham and Flowers presented our annual municipality insurance coverage. He provided a thorough analysis and explanation of all current coverages, made recommendation for possible additions and explained how we might qualify for their grant program.  
A motion was made to approve payment of the November 1<sup>st</sup> renewal by Janet Lesley and seconded by Edith Walton. All in favor; the motion was passed.  
Resident Tess Alyea posed a question regarding liability of the township in the event of an accident due to low visibility of stop signs or because there were no stop sign ahead signs. This is something that needs to be brought up with the Road Commission.
- David Johansson, new property owner requested to address the board. A motion to add to the table was made by Gladys VeltKamp and seconded by Edith Elsenheimer.  
Mr. Johansson requests permission to move a house from Brooks Township approximately 4-5 miles to property located in Grant Township. He has submitted a copy of his bond and will purchase the required permits, and provide a copy to Kim Martens. He estimates the move could take place in about three weeks. The board was asked to vote; all were in favor and permission was granted.
- An estimate for snowplowing service was submitted by D & M snowplowing for winter 2016-2017 of \$40 each time. A motion to approve was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Edith Walton.

- Jamie Baker who is currently running for the office of Drain Commissioner introduced him to the board and attending residents, providing a little background on himself and asking for support on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Comment**

Edith Walton again expressed concern regarding the expansion of the halls' kitchen for use by the public. She also requested to know which roads have been completed, the costs and what is due

Ed Lang expressed concern with the way that 17 cracks in his road were repaired. Stan informed him that he has been in touch with the road commission to address this matter.

Mr. Lang also questioned the purchase of the security system and the need to 'Buzz' in at the door. It was explained that many times board members are working alone in the building and this is for their security. He felt that a 45 would be cheaper. Bill amounts will be provided to him.

Tess Alyea questioned CCW rules and wondered if people could bring a weapon into the building for meetings. Gladys will check with Cliff on legalities.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm by Stanley VanSingel, supervisor. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on November 7, 2016.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk