

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 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 March 6, 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 and Minutes from the February 6, 2017 meeting, was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Max Mellon. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Clerk

The following after audit bills were presented and approved unanimously by the board:

- Elan - \$807.47
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- Westshore (Rose/Northbound Lane) \$944.50
- Equalization - \$8535.85

Zoning

Kim Martens provided permit and zoning activity for the month of February in addition to the results of the latest ZBA meeting for Dan Tellkamp held on February 9 and the Planning Commission meeting for Veurink Farms held on February 16th. Both variance requests were approved by the boards on those dates. Kim made a recommendation to the board to have Cypress Creek (solar company) attend either a board or planning meeting to make a presentation. She also provided insight to a letter she had received from Norman Ochs from Newaygo Engineering and recommended The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on March 16th.

Fire Report

Larry Bisson provided a current financial update. There will be a Pancake Supper on March 10, 2017

Planning Commission

Not represented this month, updates provided by Kim Martens.

Open Issues

- A letter of resignation has been received from Todd Butler removing himself from his position on the Planning Commission. The Clerk will call Pam Hawley to let her know that she can assume the position and be sworn in at next meeting on the 16th. The board voted her in contingent to receiving Todd's resignation at the February 6, 2017 meeting.
- Jerry Holmes of Johnson Signs was here to hand out brochures on what they have available. We provided him with the prior estimate from his company and will attend our April meeting to provide a presentation on what their company can offer us and pricing for both a 3 x 6 and 4 x 8 signage.
- Postema signs will also make their presentation at the April meeting

New Business:

- Gladys read a letter received from Cliff Bloom, Township attorney following a complaint received from a township resident – Katie & Jed (neither provided a last name). An email was received from Marty Lattermore a relative of Katie regarding the complaint and threatening further legal actions against the township if an ordinance or action is not taken against the owner of the Twisted Sister for nude mannequin's and vulgar language. Cliff's letter defined the townships status and restraints in this situation. After the letter was read, Stan told the audience that public comments would be heard at the end of the meeting.
- The board selected the date of March 21, 2017 at 1 pm for its annual Budget Meeting
- The next Board of Review will meet here on Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 for planning. Due to incorrect posting of ratio's, the BOR meetings originally scheduled for March 13 & 14 have been scheduled for March 20 & 21st
- The board reviewed and approved the changes presented by the Ashland/ Grant Fire District to the Fire Protection Agreement for 2017. Gladys made the motion to approve the new agreement, seconded by Edith. Once changed and signed, Edith made a motion to adopt the changes, seconded by Janet Lesley. All in favor and the motions passed.

- D & B Brine 2017 estimate has been received for the amount of \$1875.00. A motion to approve the acceptance of the bid was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Edith Elsenheimer.
- Annual Township Clean Up will be held on Saturday June 10, 2017
- Laura Irwin Rodriguez representing the Senior Class All Night trip asked permission to set off Chinese Lanterns after graduation on May 25th at the Grant Middle School. Gladys made a motion to approve the use of lanterns, seconded by Max Mellon. All in favor and the motion passed.
- The annual Brownstone Presentation will be held in White Cloud on April 5th. Any board members are welcome to attend this meeting. Edith and Gladys will attend.
- Gladys had received a bid of \$500 to paint the three main rooms of the hall. The remaining rooms will be an additional charge if we choose to have them done also. The board unanimously voted to accept the bid. Gladys will measure and purchase materials for painting to begin after BOR meetings are completed.
- Grewe's service agreement for 2017 was reviewed and approved. Gladys will sign and send acceptance form.

Public Input

- Katie and Jed both addressed the board and stated their feelings about the use of nudity and obscene language in public display at the Twisted Sister. They plan to contact the American Decency group for assistance and also speak to the church council at Northland church to ask if they would assist in their appeal to the business owner. Stan has also offered to talk to the business owner on their behalf.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on April 3, 2017.