

# **Grant Township Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

June 6, 2016

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 6, 2016 by Supervisor, Stanley VanSingel. Opening prayer was led by Doug Berends followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all.

### **Board Members Present**

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

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

Janet Lesley moved to approve, seconded by Edith Elsenheimer, the June Consent Agenda containing the May meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report for the month of May. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Bills**

Road Commission bills to wedge and reseal roads (\$195,487.50) along with the upgrades to Paw Paw (\$80,000) were presented to the board for approval to pay. Funds will be moved from the general fund for these improvements. Janet Lesley made a motion to approve, seconded by Gladys VeltKamp. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Zoning**

Kim Martens, Zoning Administrator, reported on zoning activity for the month of May along with updates to the current issues before the board this month. Tom Stuart's request has been approved, two requests from the June 2<sup>nd</sup> ZBA meeting continued until June 7.

### **Planning Commission**

Doug Berends provided a report for the Planning Commission and an overview of Solar energy presentation that was provided by Mike Toth of Green Energy.

### **Fire**

No Fire District update this month

### **Treasurer**

Treasurer's report was presented by Edith Elsenheimer

### **Clean Up Days**

The Township Cleanup will be held on Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16 from 9-2

### **New Business**

Mellema Nursery has been here to look at the shrubs in front of the building and will provide an estimate to remove and replace. The best time for replacement will be in the fall. Stan approved for a member of the

audience (Tess Alyea) to check with Mellema's when they are removing the old shrubbery if she can take these for her personal use.

Roadside mowing was started this date, as have the wedge and reseal projects.

### **New Business Continued**

A letter was received and read from the Board of Public Works stating that tires will no longer be accepted at clean up times. This information has also been relayed in our newsletter for the Township Clean Up days in July.

The audit is nearly complete. When finished it will be submitted to our attorney to review and findings will then come back to the Township Board. Findings will then be available to the public view.

Cemetery crews have run into clay when digging new graves in Section D. They have been instructed by Stan that at their discretion to rent a backhoe from Rent Smart if needed in the future.

Discussed the cost to purchase of a defibrillator and for staff to obtain training on its use. Audience member gave input of approx. \$500 to purchase one. Edith Elsenheimer to check with Fire Department and report next month.

A new Township Newsletter was provided to all present along with verbal introduction to information on new website capabilities. Users can now set up electronic alerts when new information is added or changed. It can be tailored to their personal likes and use.

### **Public Comments/Questions**

Questions were received regarding public usage of the building for senior meals and also in emergencies. Gladys will check with the Health Department on rulings for food and any specific requirements as there are not adequate kitchen facilities here.

Request from public to check into Stop Ahead signs to be added on many township roads due to recent accidents. Stan will bring to the attention of the County Road Commission.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Stanley VanSingel. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2016.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys M VeltKamp, Clerk