

# Grant Township Board

## Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2016

### Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 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, Melissa Cunningham deputy for Gladys VeltKamp, Edith Elsenheimer, Janet Lesley, and Edith Walton

### Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Janet Lesley moved to approve, seconded by Edith Elsenheimer, the July Consent Agenda containing the June meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report for the month of June. 4 - In favor, 1- No. Motion carried.

### Zoning

Kim Martens, Zoning Administrator, reported on zoning activity for the month of June along with updates from the June ZBA variance meetings.

### Planning Commission

No Planning Commission meeting held in June

### Fire

Fire District budget report was provided. The Fire board is purchasing stabilizing equipment, looking at replacing the oldest truck which is 20-25 yrs. old in the near future and possibly tearing down the old house which will be discussed at their next meeting.

### Treasurer

Edith Elsenheimer provided update regarding defibrillator cost. We are still waiting for a response on our inquiry.

Edith also presented Commission on aging flyers and let attendees know that we can accept ½ or partial tax payments.

### Clean Up Days

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

### Old Business

Mellema Nursery has provided an estimate to remove and replace the shrubs in front of the building for a cost of \$2150.00. Edith Elsenheimer made a motion to accept and approve. Motion was seconded by Edith Walton. All in favor. Motion carried. The best time for replacement will be in the fall.

## **New Business**

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 has been completed and sent to our township attorney for review. Findings will come back to the Township Board and will then be available to the public.

West Michigan Broadband did not attend this meeting but will be using the building for two upcoming meetings with new township customers.

The Director of the Grant Public Library spoke on behalf of the millage request that will be seen in the upcoming election on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The library was built in 2002 and flyers were distributed outlining the changes that could be completed if the millage is approved.

July 19 - Board of Review will meet for final adjustments.

## **Public Comments/Questions**

Presentation by Jason VanderStalt who is currently running for the position of County Clerk. He provided a summary of his background and experience.

Questions were posed regarding current checkbook balancing and budget amounts. It was shared that issues with Quick Books have not yet been resolved. Members of audience shared that there are downloads that can be obtained. This information will be followed up on.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Stanley VanSingel. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 1, 2016.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Cunningham, Deputy Clerk for Gladys M VeltKamp, Clerk