

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on October 1, 2018 at 7:02 PM by Stanley VanSingel, supervisor, opening with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 September 10, 2018 meeting, was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Edith Elsenheimer. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk

No after audit bills were presented this month

Zoning

Kim Martens provided a current update on permits and applications received this month along with an update from the most recent meeting where the board, planner and Cliff Bloom, attorney approved the Solar ordinance with minor verbiage and numbering revisions. The last hearing held by the Planning Commission on September 20, 2018; the application submitted by J & B Ouwinga was approved

The board will review the Solar ordinance and a motion was made by Gladys to table until November meeting seconded by Edie.

Fire Report

Max provided an update from the spaghetti supper. 240 people attended which was down from previous years. This year's date was also the same as the homecoming game which may have impacted attendance.

The next Fire board meeting there will be a discussion regarding the need for night lighting and shortage of manpower.

Planning/ Zoning Commission

Report provided by Kim Martens.

The next planning meeting will be held on December 20, 2018. The next hearing for the ZBA is scheduled for November 15, 2018 for Wigents and Simons.

Roads:

Striping and resealing have been completed. The board discussed the current conditions of some roads due to traffic flow during detour. The road commission will review these roads in the Spring to determine needs at that time.

Visitor

Scott VanSingel attended the meeting, providing an update of current budget and outlook at the State level. Oct 1st is the first day of new fiscal year. There will be an increase in the per child payment to most schools and a budget increase for roads.

New Business

The current financial statement was delivered to board members to review and vote on acceptance at the November 5th meeting.

Brian Heminger has been asked to move from ZBA to Planning Commission where there was a need for an additional member. Janet made a motion to approve the move, seconded by Edie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Gladys presented the list of Election Workers for the board's approval. Janet made a motion to approve, seconded by Edie. All in favor and the motion passed. The list was then sent to the county and both parties.

A question was asked of the board by township resident. Are meetings recorded and if not, would the board consider. The answer was made that the board would take it under advisement and consideration.

Another resident brought up that there would be a Marijuana info meeting held in Fremont on October 10 if any of the board members were interested in attending.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm.