

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on September 11, 2017 at 7:00 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 August 7, 2017 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 received and presented this month.

Zoning

Kim Martens provided a current update on permits issued for the month along with expected items for the upcoming month. The next planning meeting will be held on September 21, 2017 to continue reviewing zoning ordinances and recommendations for Solar Array use.

The next ZBA hearing will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm for a nonuse variance request by Frank Acosta.

Fire Report

Max Mellon provided a summary of fire news. A new Chief, Tyler Haring has been elected and assistant Chief is now Dean Bouwkamp.

Planning Commission

Due to recent shortages of attendees, a memo is being mailed to both Planning and Zoning members to ask that they notify the office if they are unable to attend or if they are finding it difficult to continue with their commitment.

Open Issues

- The board is still undecided on who to hire for roof replacement. As the bids have such a wide gap in pricing it has been difficult to know who should do the work. A decision will need to be made by our next meeting on October 2, 2017
- A follow up meeting for the cemetery board will be held on September 26, 2017 at 11 am. This will finalize change items from our previous meeting and review items from recent Clerk training.

New Business:

- Dale Twing from the Drain Commission presented a request to the board to approve repairs to Crockery Creek Drain on 22 Mile Rd. As the repairs will be in excess of \$5000 per mile, the commission must obtain approval from each township involved. Tyrone Township has approved their portion. Edith Elsenheimer made the motion to approve, seconded by Gladys. All in favor with the exception of Max who opposed. Motion passed.
- A flu shot clinic will be held on October 9 from 1-3 pm.
- Thursday September 14, will be the last day to collect summer taxes. Edie will be here from 8 – 5 that day.
- A letter from the County board of Public Works to let each township know that they have now taken over the recycling program and would like input from each township on usage.
- The clerk presented a need of a new printer/copy/fax machine and has received one estimate for a lease so far. Additional lease options were presented by board members and from the audience. All are in agreement that leasing may be the best option to provided servicing. Gladys will obtain additional pricing and bring back to board next month.

Questions

- Community member voiced concern and questions regarding the new Fire Chief and his ability to drive as it was understood by this resident that the chief no longer had a valid driver's license. As it is not under the township board to decide or vote on fire staff these questions would need to be directed to the fire board. Another member of the audience did suggest that this be his avenue to pursue.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. **The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on October 2, 2017**