

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on December 3, 2018 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 October 1, 2018 meeting, was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Max Mellon. 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 last ZBA meeting, where both applicant requests were approved.

Joe Ouwinga has submitted all permit applications and required documents. Some information is not included and will be needed before it can go forward.

The board again approved the solar ordinance as it was not received by the planner within the required time frame for approval and publishing. Gladys made a motion to approve, seconded by Janet. All were in favor and the motion passed. It will be published the week of December 12th.

The next planning meeting will be held on Dec. 20th at 7 pm where the board will continue review of the ordinance book to update where needed.

Fire Report

An estimate for \$9000 has been received for restoring the brush truck. This will add many years of use to the current vehicle and will be discussed at the next meeting the end of the month.

Planning/ Zoning Commission

Report provided by Kim Martens.

Visitor

Deputy Phil Greene of the Newaygo County Sheriff Department attended this meeting to introduce himself and provide an update of services provided to the Township thus far in 2018. As of Dec.1st, the department has handled 175 complaints in the township. He also provided a breakdown of the types.

Following the updates, Dep. Greene provided the group with a presentation highlighting the talents and services of his K-9 partner, Remi who is 4 yrs. old. He was able to answer the many questions from the board and audience regarding service dogs and the benefits to communities that have them.

New Business

Resident input has been received regarding the size of notice boards in the cemetery, that they are very small and not noticeable, making observance of cemetery rules difficult. Gladys will research options and bring to the next meeting.

Taxes have been sent and have begun coming in for the winter season.

The Board of review will hold their next meeting on December 11, from 6 – 8 pm.

There were some comments received by a resident regarding property splits, township ordinances and enforcement thereof. The board will review his input for validity and change.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm.