

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM opening with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance on April 3, 2017 by Stanley VanSingel, supervisor

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 March 6, 2017 meeting, was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Gladys VeltKamp. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Clerk

No after audit bills were received and presented this month.

The Clerk read a proposal sent by Newaygo County Clerk's office for the approval of new voting equipment and made a recommendation to the board to accept this agreement as written. The board voted and approved the agreement which will be sent to the county.

Zoning

Kim Martens provided a current update on permits issued for the month along with expected items for April. No planning meeting was held in March and undetermined if there will be one in April

Fire Report

No fire report or meeting this month.

Planning Commission

Not represented this month, updates were provided by Kim Martens.

Open Issues

- Max Mellon provided an update on costs incurred by other townships for lawn care and snow plowing for their cemeteries. Based on the information received we will continue our current process at this time.
- Jerry Holmes of Johnson Signs presented the board with an updated estimate for Township sign of \$29390.00. No examples or photos were available to review and rep will send via email. He did state that the sign would also include a dedicated laptop for the sign program. Maintenance will run approximately \$500 per year.
- Postema signs will make their presentation at the May meeting.
- Stan presented the board with a copy of the new Fire protection agreement packet for signatures.

New Business:

- Mary Shaffer and Chris Wren, County Administrator for NCEDO (Newaygo County Economic Development) provided an update of their program and asked the board for financial support. (suggested amount of \$1600) Up until this point, the Fremont Foundation has supported their program with the understanding that local townships would be able to take this responsibility over time. They also gave an update on the Digester in Fremont and that it is ready to go.
- Review of the current budget and costs to add rumble strips and Stop ahead signs on Oak both ways approaching 120th St., after a recent accident and death of a local resident.
- Six miles of new blacktop will be done to 120th St to the county line. The board voted to approve the proposed road improvement contracts for 2017. All were approved with the exception of Willow Ave. Edith Elsenheimer made the motion to approve and seconded by Janet Lesley. All in favor and the motion carried.

Public Input

Resident, Linda Gary asked if our budget was already approved, how would we budget for the purchase of a new sign and if there was an ordinance in place for sign size. She also asked if there was a minimum and maximum height ordinance for mercury lights. All questions were answered by board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on May 1, 2017.