

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on April 8, 2019 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 March 4, 2019 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 summary of current issues that need follow up, permits issued and violation letters being sent. Cliff will be pursuing court proceedings regarding the ongoing issue on Meadow Lane.

Kim will add the Township clean up day information to the letters sent to residents with trash violations.

The next planning meeting will be held on April 18, 2019 at 7 pm where the board will continue review of the Township ordinances.

Fire Report

No meeting was held this month. Max did let the board know that the brush truck work has been completed and is ready for Spring runs.

A letter of resignation has been received from Larry Bisson after 30 yrs. of service. Gladys made a motion to accept, seconded by Janet. All in favor and the motion was approved. Max will submit a copy of the letter at the next Fire board meeting.

Stan made a recommendation to add Roger Freeland to the Fire board, replacing Larry. Edie made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Max. His name will be sent to the Fire Board for approval.

The Fire board sent a resolution to approve billing Consumers Power for Emergency service hours to begin with the 2nd hour of service. This is standard procedure with other townships and helps defray the costs. Janet made a motion to approve and sign the resolution, seconded by Edie. All were in favor and the motion passed. Gladys will submit to Fire Dept.

Planning/ Zoning Commission

Report provided by Kim Martens.

Old Business

- Stan addressed the residents in attendance as he was aware of their concerns regarding the sand and gravel operations off Willow Ave and 98th St. According to our attorney, this property is grandfathered in for the mining of sand only. The property owners have been notified that any crushed concrete and asphalt must be removed asap.
- Some of the concerns that residents in attendance expressed are:
 - The amount of trucks going in and out of the establishment and the time of day that this is happening
 - The appearance of the site, including piles of crushed concrete, asphalt and trash
 - The cutting of trees along easement which is shared property
 - The easement is locked and not allowing shared access to other owners
 - The lack of fencing and height of the sheer drop offs which are not staggered in height and run right up to the property lines.
 - The residents have also heard that the owner is attempting to buy adjacent properties which the board is not aware of. If this was to occur, they would need to come before the ZBA for approval and hours of operations could be enforced if approved.
- Reminder of Township Clean Up - Dates will be May 3, 2019 from 8 - 4 and May 4, 2019 from 8 until 1.

New Business

- A resolution has been received from attorneys representing accident victims in front of the Township hall that took place in October. They are asking that the Township sign off the claim, stating that all repairs were completed to our satisfaction. The board reviewed and asked to table the request for an additional month to see if the grass is growing in areas where seed mats were laid down. Gladys will notify the attorney regarding this decision.

Public Comment

- There were 14 residents in attendance for this month's meeting, 11 of which were in attendance to obtain information and express their feelings about the Sand and gravel mining business mentioned in the Old business.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2019 at 7pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk