

# Grant Township Board

## Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2019

### Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on May 6, 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

### Motion to Approve Visitors

Gladys made a motion to allow our visitors to speak before beginning our regular meeting. This was seconded by Janet.

**Holly Moon**, county treasurer, provided a summary of current tax collections including the number of foreclosures, extensions, and delinquencies. Tax auction dates are August 15 and September 26.

Five Cap, True North, and Step Forward have made sizable contributions to tax payor requests for assistance.

**Glen Sparks** – Newaygo County Republican party representative provided information on monthly meetings which are held the first Thursday of each month.

### Approval of Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from the April 1, 2019 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 summary of permits, variances and land division requests received over the last month.

The next planning meeting will be held on May 16, 2019 at 7 pm where the board will continue review of the Township ordinances. Last months meeting did not have a quorum and meeting was adjourned.

Many residents took advantage of clean-up day, where 10 dumpsters of trash and 2 ½ dumpsters of metal were collected.

## **Fire Report**

**Max** did not attend the meeting this month as he was out of town. He did let us know that due to new regulations, there will be a separation of funds and the firemen's earnings from pancake suppers or other fund raisers must be kept separate from operating funds.

## **Planning/ Zoning Commission**

Report provided by Kim Martens.

## **Old Business**

- Stan provided an update on the sand and gravel operations. The crushed concrete and asphalt is being removed and berms will be built. Cliff is preparing a letter to go out to the owner
- The board reviewed the applicants for the groundskeeper position and voted unanimously to hire John and Kathy Friske. They will be paid a monthly salary as quoted and hourly for any hours accumulated over the usual mowing, trimming and clean up.
- Reminder of Township Clean Up - Dates will be May 3, 2019 from 8 - 4 and May 4, 2019 from 8 until 1.
- The updated cemetery ordinance and pricing change was handed out to board members to review. They will vote on the adoption of this next month. If approved it will then be publicly posted and go into effect 30 days after publication. The new signs are up in the cemetery. Gladys will purchase reflectors to make them more visible and will be posting rules and pricing sheets.

## **New Business**

- The resolution received from attorney representing accident victims in front of the Township hall that took place in October was reviewed and a roll call vote taken. All were in favor of approving the resolution, resolving the insurance company of any further damage obligation.
- Stan will be meeting with a State road commission representative to review damages incurred during detour and see how much the state will be responsible for financially. Hoping to have a resolution by next month.
- Sue Rodriguez/ Jon Bumsted would like to attend any ceremony recognizing Larry Bisson's dedication to the fire department by serving 24 yrs. on the fire board. Edith made a motion, seconded by Gladys to serve punch, coffee and cake after next months meeting. All were in favor. This will begin at 8 pm, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2019 at 7pm.

**Minutes submitted by:** Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk