

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on July 1, 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 June 3, 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 for the past month. No permits were issued. Many building permits have been obtained and she provided info on these. Kim suggests that the boards revisit wedding venues within the township as this is an item with increased interest.

Fire Report

Max provided an overview and again emphasized that the large increase in runs is affecting the budget. One area is the State and Federal regulations that govern the amount of training that all firefighters must attend is very expensive. These are items not reimbursed by any agency. The last training was over \$1000 for books alone.

Max also thanked Larry Bisson (who was in audience) for his years of service on the fire board.

Stan also thanked Larry for his services and provided an overview of his years of volunteer services to the Fire Board, Township Board, Conservation club, 4-H, Turkey Federation etc. His greatest legacy is 4 children, 15 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Planning/ Zoning Commission

Report provided by Kim Martens. The ZBA held on June 27th to review a request for a solar array was denied due to lack of representation. The board had many questions that could not be answered regarding the placement and why it could not be in any other location on the property. Without a representative to answer these questions and concerns, the board had no choice but to deny.

Visitor

Jon Bumsted attended this meeting to present Larry Bison with a plaque signed by the governor acknowledging his years of service on the fire board. 1995 – 2019

Fire board

Max provided updates from the department. They are currently understaffed by 4 men. It has been found that many of the current staff can not operate the old tanker truck. This vehicle also needs to be housed on department property. It is currently housed in the City building and the city will be setting up a lease agreement with the department.

Old Business

- Stan will be contacting contractors for estimates for resurfacing the parking lot.
- A letter was received from our attorney regarding the Ramzi Mahd property and violations. Cliff suggests that the board institute an enforcement lawsuit to prompt compliance. He also suggests that we convert all of our ordinances to municipal infraction sanctions.
- Gladys made a motion to begin enforcement lawsuit, seconded by Edie. All were in favor and the motion passed. Gladys will contact Cliff to ask about the ordinance changes and whose responsibility it is to enforce and make the changes to the ordinance. Edie made the motion to change to municipal infractions, seconded by Janet. All in favor and the motion passed.
- Restriping has been completed on 120th.
- Jan mentioned that 1 load of gravel was placed on Sycamore and that more is needed. Stan will check into this.

New Business

- Cliff drafted a letter that can be used to notify the county road commission of dangerous tree limbs. The board reviewed and we will begin use of this document for any future requests that need documentation.
- The board reviewed an estimate from Beaver Tree service to remove dead trees and trim branches on trees surrounding the building. Edie made a motion to accept the bid and retain Beaver Tree, seconded by Gladys. All were in favor and they will be contacted to begin work.
- The Board of Review will meet on July 16. Stan has asked John King to take Kathleen's place on the board. Gladys made a motion to approve John taking the position, seconded by Edie. All were in favor to hire and he will begin with the July 16th meeting.
- The board reviewed a bid from Kruithoff electric to replace all lighting within the building with new LED lights. Jan made a motion to replace the lighting, Gladys seconded. All were in favor and Gladys will notify Kruithoff's.
- Taxes went out and residents began receiving today.
- The next meeting will be held Monday August 5th at 7 pm
 - This meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk