

# **Grant Township Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**July 2, 2018**

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on July 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 June 4, 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 to present this month. We are currently looking at new website hosts. The current site is corrupted and not accessible to upload new documents. Pricing should be available before the next meeting.

### **Zoning**

Kim Martens provided a current update on permits issued for the month along with an update from the most recent meeting to discuss the Ouwinga request. Right now, they are waiting on information from the DEQ regarding possible wetlands on their property which will affect the decisions made and possibly location of addition.

Kim will also be contacting our planner to review solar changes and verbiage.

There have been many complaints regarding property clean ups needed. Letters are being sent to property owners.

### **Fire Report**

Max provided an update from the most recent meeting. There was a question regarding a firefighter attending meetings if he has been out on disability for over 1 yr. This claim has also caused an increase of \$2700 in workers comp insurance premiums. The department is currently working on grant applications for new equipment.

### **Planning Commission**

Report provided by Kim Martens.

The next planning meeting will be held on July 19, 2018.

### **Open Issues**

- Work on M-37 in town is approximately ¼ complete. The board questions if the gravel company should be paying tax on the sand being removed from the pit located off Willow Ave.
- Tom Stuart has been sworn in on the Planning Commission and attending.
- A cemetery meeting will be scheduled in August after the election.
- Pete Dame is looking at estimates on replacing foundations under the old head stones.

### **New Business:**

- Visitor: Jason VanderStelt, County Clerk who talked about the Floatability Group meeting to be held at Bridgeton Township Hall on July 26 at 10 am. This meeting is open to the public
- Election training begins July 31<sup>st</sup>. Grant Township election officials will attend on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The board approved the following as Election Inspectors for the 2018 Elections:
  - Gladys VeltKamp
  - Edith Elsenheimer
  - Melissa Cunningham
  - Theresa Leseman
  - Jan Kutzli
  - Linda Patterson
  - Laura Rodriguez-Irwin
  - Jenifer Carnegie
  - Mary Mellon

The motion to approve was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Gladys. All were in favor and motion passed.

- Mike Paige, visitor: is running for Newaygo County Probate Judge. He previously worked for Judge Dimkoff and has over 16 yrs. experience with family court
- The Planning Commission needs a new Chairperson. Diana is out due to medical issues and Tim will take the role only on a temporary basis.
- Bids have been received for a new parking lot and sidewalks. This project will be moved to budget item for fiscal year 2019/ 2020
- **Public Comment**
- An audience member asked if there was any way for the board to recommend natural gas to be brought in to more areas within the township. Unfortunately, this is not something we can influence.

**This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**