

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on August 5, 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 July 1, 2019 meeting was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Gladys VeltKamp. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk

No after audit bills were presented this month.

Zoning Administrator

Kim Martens provided a summary for the past month for zoning permits, land divisions and possible rezoning requests. There has also been some inquiry regarding industrial zoning within the township which we currently do not have. Our planner has provided some options that we could take but the location of the property will need to be known before decisions could be made.

Fire Report

Max stated that there was no meeting held this month. The department would like to purchase an air conditioner for their meeting room if funds are available

Planning/ Zoning Boards

Report provided by Kim Martens. There was no meeting for Planning this month as there were not enough members in attendance for a quorum

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.

There will be a large chargeback to Consumers Power for man hours over the course of the last storms that went through and the need for manpower to tend down power lines.

Old Business

- Stan received one estimate on the parking lot resurface which is \$35000 more than the estimate received from the same company last year. More estimates will be obtained.
- Beaver Tree Service has been unable to provide estimates on tree trimming and removal. Andy's Tree Service from Howard City has provided an estimate of \$6580. Edie made a motion to hire Andy's, seconded by Max. All were in favor and Stan will contact them to begin work.
- Work on resurfacing/overlay on Willow has been delayed due to the Reith Riley strike.
- Jan stated that more gravel was placed on Sycamore and that it is greatly improved

New Business

- Gladys provided information on the water leak, toilet removals and black mold removal. It has been recommended that we install a water softener to avoid more line damage in the future. Gladys made a motion to purchase a water softener, seconded by Edie. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Gladys brought the resolution needed by the Assessor to the board for approval. The resolution states that we do not charge residents for the Non-Filing of Property Affidavits. Gladys made a motion to adopt, seconded by Janet. All in favor. By roll call vote, the board unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.
- A new blower was purchased from Ace Hardware for use by the ground's maintenance person. The board voted 3 yes 2 no's to approve payment on this purchase.
- Janet asked that a budget comparison be printed for the next meeting
- Residents in attendance asked what services can be provided at the Township Hall for seniors and disabled during storms and outages. The board would need to create a procedure and check liability rules. We will be checking with Commission on Aging to see what services are available and possibly bring in a speaker for a future meeting.
- A new shed door will be purchased as the current one sustained a lot of damage in the last two break-in attempts.
- 4 new cameras have been purchased to hopefully record or deter future attempts on break ins
- Another resident requested that the road commission add a water run off ditch near her property to detour water away from her yard and driveway. Stan will check with Road Commission.
- The next meeting will be held Monday September 9, 2019 at 7 pm
 - This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk