

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on October 2, 2017 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 September 11, 2017 meeting, was made by Gladys VeltKamp and seconded by Janet Lesley. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Clerk

No after audit bills were received and presented this month.

Zoning

Kim Martens provided a current update on permits issued for the month along with an overview of the Planning Commission meeting held on September 21. The next planning meeting will be held on October 26th, 2017 to continue reviewing Michigan Agricultural Tourism and recommendations for Solar Array use.

The next ZBA hearing will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm for a nonuse variance request by Frank Acosta.

Fire Report

Max Mellon provided a summary of fire news. The department did well at their recent Spaghetti Supper and were approached by a resident that provided them with information on grant applications for possible funding for needed equipment.

Open Issues

- The board is still undecided on who to hire for roof replacement. As the bids have such a wide gap in pricing it has been difficult to know who should do the work. It has been suggested that an architect be hired to decide which is the best choice and review the types of steel to be used. If a decision is not

made, this issue will need to be tabled until Spring which could lead to possible roof issues over the winter if weather is bad. Tabled until Nov. 6th at the latest.

- A follow up meeting for the cemetery board was held on September 26, 2017 at 11 am. The board discussed the change items from our previous meeting and reviewed items that were learned at a recent Clerk training. The Clerk and deputy are implementing changes in processes and procedures in order to be compliant. A 2 week add was run in local papers to let residents know that items need to be cleaned off graves before October 14.
- Due to recent shortages of attendees, a memo was mailed to both Planning and Zoning members to ask that they notify the office if they are unable to attend or if they are finding it difficult to continue with their commitment. We have had 3 members recently resign from Planning and 2 members from ZBA. Stan has spoken to a few possible replacements and at this time has one person (Harold Sexton) commit to join planning. Edith Elsenheimer made a motion to add Harold to the Planning Board, seconded by Max Mellon. All were in favor and the Motion carried.
- Gladys provided an update to FOIA request for accident in Hillside Cemetery in May and also an update to estimate requests for copier leasing. Estimates will be brought to November meeting for a vote.
- Gladys asked if there was interest by the board to hold a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Halloween. Janet expressed concern with liability insurance. The board approved contingent on insurance approval.

New Business:

- Holly Moon, County Treasurer attended this meeting to provide an update of our Township tax collection. She stated that Edith has done a wonderful job at collecting taxes and our township has a very low unpaid tax amount and no tax sale accounts.
- A flu shot clinic will be held on October 9 from 1-3 pm here at the Township Hall
- A Blood Drive has been scheduled here at the Township Hall for November 28 from 2 – 7 pm
- The county has begun striping the township roads and will hopefully be completed before our weather changes.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. **The next general meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on November 6, 2017**