

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM opening with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance on February 6, 2017 by Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk

Present

Gladys VeltKamp, Janet Lesley and Max Mellon

Absent

Edith Elsenheimer and Stanley VanSingel

New

A Motion was made by Gladys VeltKamp and seconded by Max Mellon to appoint Janet Lesley Chair of tonight's meeting in Stan's absence. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting, was made by Max Mellon and seconded by Janet Lesley. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Clerk

No after audit bills this month.

Zoning

Kim Martens provided permit and zoning activity for the month of January in addition to upcoming meetings for the ZBA on Feb. 9 and Planning Commission on Feb 16, 2017.

Fire Report

No Fire District representation

Planning Commission

Not represented this month, updates provided by Kim Martens.

New Business

- Clerk read an information letter received from Newaygo Public Schools regarding Summer tax levy renewal agreement. No action needed.
- RMS disposal has requested a list of all township residents and their address's. After discussion regarding privacy act, the clerk recommended sending the company to make their request at the county level as we have not done this in the past. Max Mellon made a motion to follow recommendation and it was seconded by Janet Lesley. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk will follow up with RMS.
- Representative from Newaygo County Building Inspectors office did not show up to speak as scheduled.
- Contact has been made with County Road commission for a list of 10 miles of Township roads that need improvement for 2017 – Unsure if representative was to present tonight.
- Board discussed possible need to replace Todd Butler on the Planning Commission as he has not been available to attend meetings. Janet Lesley has his contact information and will ask for his input. If a letter of resignation is received, the appointment of Pam Hawley to fill his spot has been recommended. Max Mellon made a motion to approve Pam pending Todd's resignation seconded by Gladys VeltKamp. All in favor, motion carried.
- Grant District Library amendment was read and approved by the board with Gladys making the motion to approve and seconded by Max Mellon. All in favor and motion carried. Clerk will send on to library for processing

Open Issues

- Jerry from Johnson Signs will attend our March meeting to provide a presentation on what their company can offer us.
- Postema signs will make their presentation at the April meeting
- The next Board of Review will meet here on Tuesday, March 7th.

Public Input

- Ed Lang questioned the board regarding appointments to the various boards such as Planning and ZBA. Is this something the board can decide or does it need to be posted publicly as some other townships do? It is believed that the Township supervisor can make that determination. Clerk will research and also send a copy of December minutes to resident as he missed the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm with a motion by Gladys VeltKamp, seconded by Max Mellon. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 6, 2017.