

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on September 10, 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 August 6, 2018 meeting, was made by Gladys VeltKamp 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 current update on permits issued for the month along with an update from the most recent meeting where the board worked on the Solar ordinance. The newest version will be sent to Cliff Bloom, Attorney to review and will bring before the board for review in October.

Kim has received information from the property owner regarding clean up complaints and living in a travel trailer. He has informed that he is not staying nights there. This will be verified. He is also looking to combine his parcels which will require a new maintenance agreement for the private road usage.

No response has been received from the Pallet business located on Peach Ave. Another letter will be sent.

ZBA meeting was held in August regarding the Contreras request which was denied by the board.

Another ZBA hearing will need to be held for Wigents. The board reviewed the information and had many questions which will need to be answered before scheduling a hearing. Kim has left a message but has yet to receive a response.

In conversation with the drain commission, they were unaware of size of building proposed by Ouwinga's, nor were they aware of the DEQ letter sent. A water retention plan will need to be obtained before moving forward.

Fire Report

Max provided an update from the August meeting. There were 3 applications received for firefighters and all were approved. These are all younger persons which will be a benefit for our currently aging members.

Tyler has proposed the purchase of new fire suits every 5 yrs. vs. 10 yrs. in order to have 2 sets per fighter. This will allow for a dry set while others are cleaned in busy periods. Runs have increased and this has become a need.

Planning/ Zoning Commission

Report provided by Kim Martens.

The next planning meeting will be held on September 20, 2018. The next hearing for the ZBA will be scheduled for Wiggins once answers for the board are received.

Roads:

120th is completed and will be sealed and striped this week. All township roads are complete with the exception of sealing and striping which should be completed by the end of next week. The city project is winding up. Stan has asked that board members drive around township roads that were heavily traveled during detour and give feedback as to the condition.

Visitor

Melissa Dykman who is running for Newaygo County Probate Court Judge, attended this meeting to introduce herself and provide some of her background information and experience with the county. She was able to answer questions posed by both the audience and the board.

New Business

The board approved the replacement of 2 Pear trees in front of the building as one is dead and the other heavily damaged by lightning. Melema's Nursery will be contacted.

Gladys presented a proposal letter and contract from David Jirousek, MCP as he is leaving Williams and Works and going out on his own. This will decrease his case load and allow him to better focus on individual client needs. It was agreed that we will request he carry insurance as offered. Gladys made a motion to approve keeping David as planner, seconded by Edie. All were in favor and motion passed.

September 14th is the last day to collect summer taxes. Edie will be in the office on Friday this week.

There will be a Cemetery meeting on September 25th at 12:30 pm. David Fields will be attending to present information on scatter gardens and memorial walls.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm.