

# **Grant Township Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2018**

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on May 7, 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 April 2, 2018 meeting, was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Edith Elsenheimer. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **Clerk**

No after audit bills to present this month.

### **Zoning**

Kim Martens provided a current update on permits issued for the month along with expected items for the upcoming month. The next planning meeting will be held on May 17, 2018 to review the latest draft of the solar ordinance and input from Williams and Works, planner. Estimated date for final hearing on the new ordinance is tentatively June 15 along with a hearing for the 100 x 240 barn addition for Joe Ouwinga.

There was a question received from a property owner regarding property transfers. He is asking if there is a septic system inspection required by the township at the time of sale or property transfers to family members.

There is not an ordinance in the township for this but may be something required by lending facilities or the health department.

### **Fire Report**

Max provided an update on election of officers and current status of equipment.

### **Planning Commission**

Report provided by Kim Martens.

## **Open Issues**

- A bid was received from Northwoods Greenscapes to landscape around the sign out front to avoid damage to the electronic eye. Janet Lesley made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Edie. All were in favor and the motion passed. Clerk will send contract and ½ of the bid amount to begin project.
- A bid was also received from DeVos for adding covered gutters and downspouts to the Township Hall and outbuilding. Max Mellon made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Janet. All were in favor and the motion passed. Clerk will send signed contract out this week to begin the work.
- Northwoods has completed the cemetery clean up. Max has been power washing the monument. Everything is looking very nice in readiness for Memorial Day. Stan provided info on the latest foundation for the Timmerman grave. A new foundation will be poured.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> is Clean Up day from 10 – 2 pm. Hoping for a good turn out again this year.

## **New Business:**

- A bill has been received for the first half payment for 2018 road improvements. Gladys made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Janet. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- The 2018 contract and estimated fees for Lake Michigan CPA services has been received. Janet made a motion to approve accepting the contract, seconded by Edie. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Stan made a suggestion per Cliff Bloom to add a ZBA/Planning coordinator. After much discussion and the need for further investigation, the board will revisit this topic next month.

## **Public Comment**

- No comments or concerns by residents in attendance.

**This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**