

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on March 4, 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 February 4, 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

Kim Martens provided a current issue. No permits issued this month which could be due to the weather. The last planning commission meeting held on the 21st, no additional work was completed as a quorum was not represented due to illnesses. The planner will prepare a report with what has been gone through thus far for the board to review before moving forward.

The next planning meeting will be held on March 21, 2019 at 7 pm where the board will continue review of the ordinances.

Fire Report

There was a fire meeting held this month. Tyler has received clearance and returned to work this past week. The brush truck work is currently being completed and should be ready for spring.

There will be a Pancake supper held on March 22nd.

Run counts are on the rise adding to expenses. There is concern regarding the ability to keep first responders on due to growing costs. This will need to be monitored.

There is discussion regarding the change of Fire Board Meeting to evenings vs daytime.

Planning/ Zoning Commission

Report provided by Kim Martens.

Old Business

- Stan has reviewed the sand pit complaint. There is two pieces of equipment parked there but no work has been done since early December. He has asked the company to extend the current berm to close the view between pit and nearby home to the south. Stan will also contact the homeowner to let them know what will be done.
- The Board of Review Public meetings will be held March 11 and 12th from 1:30 to 7:30 pm each day.
- Estimates have been received for annual Clean Up day. Gladys made a motion to go with American Classic who has suggested running for 2 days, they will supply the help to assist residents in unloading, will give the township ½ of profits from metal collection. Pricing was much lower than what we have been paying. The motion was seconded by Max, all were in favor and the motion passed. Date will be May 3, 2019 from 8 - 4 and May 4, 2019 from 8 – 1.

New Business

- Introduction of our new commissioner – Mike Kruithoff. Mike provided an overview of changes in inspection processes which is proving to be beneficial to residents and contractors.
- It is time to move funds from current CD. We have received the paperwork from Gerber Federal Credit union, whose rates are comparable to what we receive now. This will satisfy the auditors suggestion to not have all funds in one location due to Federal regulations on insuring. Janet made a motion to move the funds to the credit union, seconded by Gladys, all in favor and the motion passed.
- The above move will necessitate the change to a resolution established March 2011 adding both Choice One and Gerber Credit Union as our banking facilities. Edie made a motion to amend the resolution, seconded by Max. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- The annual Budget Hearing will be held on March 19, 2019 at 9:00 am. Gladys made the motion to approve this date, seconded by Max. All were in favor and the meeting will be posted in next weeks paper.

Public Comment

- No comments or concerns submitted.

The next meeting will be held one week later than normal, on April 8, 2019 as two members will be attending a MTA conference.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk