

GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on October 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Stan VanSingel, Supervisor. opening first with prayer; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Stan VanSingel, Gladys VeltKamp, Edith Elsenheimer, Janet Lesley and Max Mellon

Absent

None

Approval of Consent Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting was made by Janet Lesley, seconded by Edith. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk

No after audit bills this month.

Zoning

Kim provided updates for permits, land divisions, rezoning request, new builds and solar array requests for the last month. The Disc. Golf lease agreement is still intact and our attorney has requested a better site plan before moving forward.

Kim has not yet received a site plan for the church on 120th/Spruce.

The ZBA will have a hearing for a use variance on October 7th. Planning Commission will have a hearing regarding a re-zone request on Oct. 21st.

The Planning Commission interviewed a senior planner from Williams and Works on Sept 16th and has recommended him to be hired. Gladys made a motion to approve the hire of Williams and Works with Brad Kotrba as our contact person. Edith seconded the motion; all were in favor and the contract was approved and signed. The board asks that the Planning Commission provide a report as to the working relationship at the end of one year.

The Junk Control Ordinance 2021-0002 has been posted in local paper and will become effective on October 22, 2021. The board voted to adopt this ordinance at the September meeting.

Fire Report

Max provided information regarding recent changes within the department. There will be a Special meeting held on October 5, 2021 regarding administration changes.

Old Business

- An estimate for a new mower and leaf vac was received from Pell's. A Kubota 60" zero turn mower with 29.5 hp engine. Edith made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Max, all were in favor and the purchase approved. Gladys will contact Pell's.
- Reseal of parking lot will be completed on October 7, 2021. Staff and visitors will need to park across the street or in grassy area.
- Gladys contacted Train's nursery and Mellema's regarding the removal of trees here at township building. Neither provide this service at this time, only new plantings. Stan will contact other entities and ask for estimates.

New Business

- McKinley's will be pouring three replacement foundations on October 5, 2021. Gladys will contact Jason with new orders received
- Gladys provided the board with a request from Jeanne and Jennifer regarding a request for approval of early retirement for Jeanne and Jennifer to take her place due to unexpected family obligations. Jeanne would still be available if Jennifer needs assistance. Gladys made a motion to accept Jeanne's retirement request, seconded by Edith. All were in favor.
- October 14th – Flu and Covid Vaccine Clinic will be here from 3 – 5 pm.

Public Comment

- Follow up to a resident question last month on why public comment is obtained at the end of the meeting vs. at the end of each discussion points as done in another township. Gladys contacted other townships and reviewed MTA guidelines. Resident questions and concerns should be heard at meeting end following the business meeting
- The next meeting will be held Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7 pm. This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes submitted by: Gladys Veltkamp, Clerk