

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on January 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Stan VanSingel, Supervisor; Janet Lesley opened the meeting 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 December 14, 2020 meeting was made by Janet Lesley, seconded by Edith Elsenheimer. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk

No after audit bills this month.

Gladys did present the bill for the replacement window in lower portion of conference room. Tom Williams ordered from Anderson and it will be 4 – 5 weeks for delivery. Also presented was estimate for drywall repair from prior leak around gable windowsill. Gladys made a motion to have this work completed, seconded by Janet. All were in favor and Gladys will contact Tom Williams to schedule.

Zoning

Kim provided updates for permits issued in the last month along with information regarding upcoming 2 variance requests that will be heard by the ZBA on January 28, 2021. There was no meeting of the planning commission in December as they are still waiting for a response from the planner on the updates made to the ordinance. Kim will again call him and is hoping for a meeting in January.

There has been a request brought regarding a recycling center. This resident has multiple parcels within the township. Parcel(s) would need to be rezoned to Industrial property as we do not have industrial currently in the township.

A total of 37 permits were issued in 2020 with 7 land divisions. There were two ZBA meetings and seven Planning meetings held in 2020

Fire Report

Max provided an update. There was no meeting in December due to COVID-19 guidelines. The rescue boat will be ordered from Tracy's and outfitted for rescue use.

Planning/ Zoning Boards

Nothing this month

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Board of Review - Edith made a motion to reappoint the current member of the board which are Mike Bouwkamp, Larry Bisson, John King and Tom Stuart. Janet seconded with all members in favor and approved the reappointments for two more years.
- Board of review – Stan made a motion to appoint Tom Stuart as the alternate member as the board must consist of 3, 5 or 7 members. Gladys seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed. Tom has shared his wish to possibly resign from the board of which he is a member. A resume has been received from a township resident with many qualifications and experience working with other local cities and townships. The board will review his resume and discuss at February meeting.
- Board of Review – all members are required to attend training each term. Gladys will set up with MTA and offer dates to members with training to be conducted virtually with members coming to Township for attendance as a group.
- John Williams has suggested that we purchase a 72” smart TV to accommodate training sessions. With Covid-19 pandemic, we have been forced to borrow equipment to allow training to be held here at the Township. Gladys will obtain pricing.
- Gladys presented a new resolution required for Board of Review meetings. This resolution provides that residents can now put their concerns or protests in writing for presentation to the board. Gladys made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-001, seconded by Janet. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- The board members participated in the renewal of their elected positions by taking the ‘Oath of Office’. Signatures were obtained by the clerk. Deputies and other board members will be sworn in at their next meeting dates.

Public Comment

- No public in attendance
- The next meeting will be held Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7 pm
- This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk