

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on August 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Stan VanSingel, Supervisor. Janet Lesley opened 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 July 12, 2021 meeting with one correction was made by Janet Lesley, seconded by Edith. All were in favor and the motion passed. Gladys will make correction and publish.

Clerk

No after audit bills this month.

Zoning

Kim provided updates for permits issued in the last month. The Planner did not attend the last meeting held on July 22nd. He verified via email that afternoon to the clerk that he would be in attendance, only to send an email to Kim at 5:30 pm stating that he was sick and would not be coming. No correspondence has been received since. The updates for Sections 1 – 8 have also not yet been sent as promised. The Planning commission has recommended to the Township Board that we terminate our relationship with him.

Resident that attended last month's regular board meeting came to Planning to present her wishes for a home occupation ordinance change. She would like to have a separate mobile building for a massage business. The board is not in favor of this change and suggested that she first go to the Building Department to find out their requirements, then apply for a variance with the ZBA.

There will be a ZBA meeting held on Aug. 12th for a non-use variance request to change property dimensions for 2 parcels.

No new information has been received regarding the Disc. Golf lease agreement with the school.

American Classic Dumpster has approached Kim regarding the possibility of having a township trash contract. This has not been explored in the past and would need to be open to all trash companies to submit bids, then there are questions regarding who will pay for services and how.

Fire Report

No updates this month:

Old Business

- Brian Heminger attended the meeting to provide updates for the sand pit improvements. Crushed concrete is being hauled out by a local company. The sidewalls are nearing completion and multiple inspections by Supervisor and Trustee provided good feedback.
- Reseal of parking lot will begin the week of August 16th.

New Business

- After discussion by the board regarding the termination of planner, Gladys made a motion, seconded by Max to discontinue relationship with Horizon Community Planning. In a role call vote, it was unanimously decided that a letter would be sent to terminate. Gladys will contact suggested new firms to present their services to the Planning commission, hopefully at next meeting.
- Cindy LaBelle from the Board of Public Works attended meeting to provide insight to local recycling costs. The county has recently provided a tire collection service in addition to hazardous waste collection that cost nearly \$36,000. This was provided at no charge to residents.
- The county has received funds to begin recycling services from the Fremont Foundation which will not continue. No funds are received from State or Federal funding. Grants have been applied for. Much of the work is done strictly by volunteers from community. Looking for commitment from area townships to assist.
- The board has budgeted in the past and will review what was pledged and discuss again at September meeting. Once decided, Gladys will contact April Pickard at Drain Commission for an invoice.

Public Comment

- Resident has questions regarding cap on board term limits and if they can be changed/how?
- Same resident questions the use of a transfer station or purchasing one in future.
- The next meeting will be held: Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7 pm
- This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes submitted by: Gladys Veltkamp, Clerk