

GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Stan VanSingel, Supervisor. opening with a 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 August 2, 2021 meeting was made by Janet Lesley, seconded by Max. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk

No after audit bills this month.

Zoning

Kim provided updates for permits, land divisions, special land use, use variance and zoning change requests for the last month. No new information has been received regarding the Disc. Golf lease agreement with the school, there are some questions regarding the lease agreement. Kim will follow up to verify if the lease agreement is still in effect.

The ZBA held a hearing on Aug. 12th for a non-use variance request. The property owner requested a change in property dimensions for 2 parcels. This request was approved by the board. The next hearing for a use variance will take place on October 7th.

The Planning Commission will be interviewing 2 new planning firms at the next meeting, Sept 16. Township Board members are asked to attend to hear the presentations and provide input.

At the last planning meeting, the board began review of the stand-alone ordinances provided by Cliff.

They have many questions before making decisions on all of them but have sent a recommendation to the Township Board to adopt the Junk Control Ordinance as soon as possible.

Kim explained how the addition of having civil infractions served for residents not in compliance can aid in the clean up efforts. There is a possibility of joining forces with City of Newaygo, Brooks and Croton Townships in an interlocal agreement and hiring a process server to serve citations and attend

any legal proceedings on behalf of the township. Gladys will follow up with other areas for more information on this.

Fire Report

- Max provided information from recent meetings and the departments need for both a new tanker truck and rescue vehicle. He also provided vehicle descriptions as well as the bids received by the department for a new combination unit that would serve the purpose of both tanker and rescue vehicle. This unit would be able to be housed in the current building without enlargements. The Fire board needs to obtain approval from the townships and city served before moving forward. If approved, it will take approximately 14 mos. to build and deliver.
- Gladys made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Edie, all board members were in favor and the purchase was approved.

Old Business

- Recycling contributions: As the township has not contributed or been invoiced in the last 2 years, it was suggested that as we had previously sent \$2000 annually that we send \$6000 this year with an explanation this was a 3 yr. contribution and we would resume sending \$2000 each year going forward. Edie made a motion to approve this contribution, seconded by Janet, all were in favor. Gladys will contact Dept. of Public Works for Invoice.
- Reseal of parking lot will be completed by the end of the month by Reeth Riley

New Business

- Due to numerous complaints on the poor quality of new foundations, Stan has contacted McKinley's to replace/re-pour the three newest ones and two requests received this week.
- Edie made a motion to hire McKinley's for future requests, seconded by Janet. All were in favor; Stan will make arrangements. The board would like to hold a Cemetery meeting to discuss future changes. Date will be October 7th at 11 am.
- Planning recommendation for Junk Control Ordinance – Gladys made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Edie, all were in favor and Junk Ordinance 2021-0001 will be posted in the Indicator.
- Stan brought forward the discussions/requests regarding middle school property annexation from the Township to the city to allow city police to handle calls to that location. Is there an agreement that can be made between city and county to not force annexation? Many questions around this topic. Tabled to another time.
- It has been brought to our attention that Woods company will no longer be making residential lawn equipment. It is becoming harder to find blades and other needed items for a 5 yr old mower. It is suggested that we begin looking for a replacement now while this mower has value. Stan has asked Max to investigate possibilities for our next meeting.
- Tomorrow is the last day for summer taxes. After the 14th, a 1% late fee will be added, fees increase each month.

- There have been two trees damaged in recent storms and they need to be replaced. It has also been suggested that the pines in tree line be removed to allow the maple trees to grow nicely. Gladys will contact Mellema's to provide estimate on replacing

Public Comment

- Resident has questions on feasibility of having a transfer station in the township, possibly across the street. – At this time, it is not something that has been discussed.
- Same resident questions 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 will research to find if there is any requirements we are missing
- Residents brought up some bad corners within the township where views are blocked by trees. Stan took note and will contact the county.
- The next meeting will be held Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7 pm
- This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Gladys Veltkamp, Clerk