

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on October 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM by Stan VanSingel, Supervisor; opening with prayer; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Stan VanSingel, Theresa Leseman, Edith Elsenheimer, Max Mellon, and Janet Lesley

Absent

Gladys VeltKamp

Approval of Consent Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from September 12, 2022 meeting was made by Janet, seconded by Max. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk

No after audit bills this month.

Zoning

Kim provided updates for all permits submitted in September and provided a summary from the most recent Planning commission meeting. The Special land use applied for by Grant Christian school was approved. An application has been received to rebuild the migrant housing that recently burned down. The buildings can be rebuilt to same specs as before. If larger is wanted or needed they would need to go to ZBA as it is zoned residential not ag. There is concern that it is no longer the farmer that is building but a company that now recruits the workers that is doing the actual building. The next scheduled meeting for Planning will be held in October with continuation of work on the Ordinance and Zoning Map updates.

Complaints have been received on homes with animals with less than 2 acres and follow up letter regarding out of home food sales.

Fire Report

Max provided an update from the September 26th meeting.

Dean Bouwkamp has been named the new chief and Bruce Arends the Assistant Chief. The firefighters will elect a new Captain soon.

Code Enforcement

Dennis provided updates on properties being investigated and progress being made. He did ask if American classic purchased old cars and what they pay in case property owners were interested in this information.

Old Business

- No new roads will be started this year but our parking lot is still on the agenda for completion
- Jacob from American Classic Dumpster as well as a representative from the Brownfield association to discuss possible locations and what would be necessary to use old dumpsite as the location. After discussion, it was decided that the Township property would not be an option but other locations were suggested.
- Studies show that there is a definite need for these services in this area. This information can be found on nextcycle.com.
- If the board or others are seeking more information, they are welcome to email American classic with their questions. The new pricing at the Croton transfer station is based on landfill prices and can be found on the Croton Township website

New Business

- Kelly Wigent presented information on a roadway and property located off 100th St. After many years of issues with trespassing, surveys and research of private roads, right of ways etc. he has been provided a petition from the county to had the road abandoned. He is seeking opinion and support from the Township to proceed. Stan and Kim will work on it and be in touch directly with Mr Wigent
- Code Enforcement officer provided updates on all properties in violations that he has contacted and provided status on each.

Public Comment

- A resident in attendance had comments and questions regarding the extension of local dirt roads to connect with main roads using funds budgeted but not fully used this fiscal year. It was explained that those funds will be used on a road previously approved but it will move to 2023 due to time of year restraints
- The next meeting will be held: Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7 pm
- This meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm

Minutes submitted by: Theresa Leseman & Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk