

GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2022

Opening

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

Present

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

Absent

None

Approval of Consent Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from the February 7, 2022 meeting was made by Janet Lesley, seconded by Max Mellon. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk

No after audit bills this month.

Zoning

Kim – No permits were issued in February. Applications are out but none received back for completion.

The last meeting of the Planning Commission was very productive. Review of districts and definitions were completed. The next meeting will be March 17th at 7 pm.

Tall Oak Trail – This property is now bank owned and cleaned up, per request of new owner before purchase. He is now requesting to split property which is a long 20-acre piece.

Both open items - 128th St land division & boundary redo have been completed

Land division request for Hilbrand may result in the need for a variance as split would leave 160 ft frontage for 1 piece and the other would meet township requirements.

Review continues for property on 100th W of Spruce, as there is no access from Walnut & Bittersweet

Fox Dr. – land clearing questions – survey stakes are up. Clarification that the current building projects are for Spruce frontage properties, not Fox Drive

Fire Report

Max provided an update of current changes in organizational structure. There is now Chief/ Assistant Chief, Fire Captain and EMS Captain.

Decision has been made to reimburse new recruits for Fire Academy fees when completed with passing grades.

Finances are in good shape right now with Equipment balance just shy of what is due for the New truck scheduled to be ready for delivery in August.

Total run numbers are down significantly from the past which has had a positive impact on expenditures

Old Business

- Street Lighting – Janet provided the board with an update and pricing for the installation of 8 new street lights at the intersections discussed in our last meeting. Each light will cost \$100 which includes pole if needed. Estimated cost to operate will be \$10 per light per month. Gladys made a motion to approve installation, seconded by Max. All were in favor. Janet will contact Consumers to give go ahead.

New Business

- Dennis Kaminski was in attendance and was presented with offer of employment as Code Enforcement Officer for the Township; which he accepted. Start date – April 1, 2022
- Annual Budget meeting will be held - March 21st at 11am
- Annual Clean Up days – May 21st – 8 am to 4 pm and May 22nd - 8 am to 1 pm – American Classic will supply dumpsters.
- May 3 – School elections will be held – Grant, Newaygo and Kent City schools each have proposals on the ballots

Board of Review will meet in March 14 & 15 from 1:30 – 7:30 pm.

Public Comment

- No resident comments received at this meeting. 1 resident in attendance
- The next meeting will be held Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7 pm. This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes submitted by: Gladys Veltkamp, Clerk