

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2023

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on February 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM by Gladys Veltkamp, Clerk; opening with a prayer; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gladys then made a motion to elect Max Mellon to lead the meeting in Stan's absence. Edith seconded the motion, all were in favor

Present

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

Absent

Stan VanSingel

Approval of Consent Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from January 9, 2023 meeting was made by Janet Lesley, seconded by Edith. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk

No after audit bills this month.

Zoning

Kim provided updates for zoning permits and land division requests issued in January.

She also provided a summary of all current complaints received. A recent complaint for a business is under review and found that association by laws apply in this instance. That board would need to review and approve first. This does not appear to have taken place however the business has obtained Health Dept. approval.

Fire Report

Max provided updates on the current financials and the boards approval of Pay adjustments in the upcoming budget for Chief, Assistant Chief, Lieutenant and Safety personal; as well as the Board, Clerk and Meeting fees.

The Chief is currently investigating new resources for service radio's w/ program abilities.

Code Enforcement

The board was provided with a review of current properties scheduled to receive citations. A property under review last month has followed through with the removal as suggested.

Board did advise that the Clean Up days have been rescheduled due to Memorial Day Weekend conflict.

New dates: June 16 – 8 am to 4 pm and June 17 – 8 am to 1 pm

Old Business

- Estimates for Township Hall addition (1 received) and Cemetery garage addition and update (2 received) reviewed by the board. Following discussion and comparisons, Janet made a motion to accept the bids from Wolff Builders w/ stipulation that any material cost increases be approved by board first and any additions or needs that may be discovered or wanted must also be preapproved by the board. Edie seconded the motion; all were in favor. Builders will be notified of approval.
- The clerk presented updated estimates for new phone systems along with a proposal for new laptops need. Covid restrictions, supply chains etc. have delayed the phone project originally approved in 2021. Janet made a motion to approve both, seconded by Gladys. All were in favor and Gladys will ok the order.

New Business

- A letter from Road Commission was received to provide board with current cost increases, dust control program and pavement marking. Jan asked that we contact the Road Commission to verify if the annual 1/3 of Township pavement marking took place in 2022.
- Reminder that Township roads will be reviewed in March to determine which ones need to be on repair list for 2023
- Gladys will set annual Cemetery & Budget Meetings for March
- Gladys and Edie will be attending the Annual MTA conference in April. Stan will attend on day 3. Max is reviewing the information and may decide to attend the full conference.
- Board member asked if the Township was receiving regular Sherriff Dept patrol coverage. Follow up will be made to inquire.

Public Comment

- A township resident in attendance has experienced some electrical issues and lost his refrigerator, microwave, and TV. As he is insulin dependent, finding an affordable refrigerator is important. Board members will look on line and ask other organizations for assistance and also provided him with information on other avenues to explore.
- The next meeting will be held: Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7 pm
- This meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk