

Grant Township Board

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on December 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm by; Stanley VanSingel, opening with a prayer; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Stanley VanSingel, Supervisor, Gladys VeltKamp, Edith Elsenheimer, Janet Lesley,
& Max Mellon

Absent

None

Approval of Consent Agenda/Minutes

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from November 6, 2023 meeting was made by Janet, seconded by Max; all were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk

No after audit bills.

Zoning

Kim provided information on the current building, mother-in-law apartment, additions and property splits permits issued or pursued in the last month. There was no Planning Commission meeting held in November and at this time there are no agenda items for a December meeting.

There was a ZBA hearing held on November 30th and one additional matter was turned over to township attorney for further handling.

Fire Report

Max gave an update on current financials for all funds. There has been no news on the FEMA grant applied for. A deliberator was delivered to the township with a recommendation for training on use and CPR training for staff. Fire chief will be contacted for capacity review for township hall use.

Code Enforcement

Enforcement officer provided an update for November complaints and court cases handled. Both cases were granted 6-month extensions by the magistrate to complete clean up. Two residents have asked for ability to use township clean up in the spring for their means of disposal.

Old Business

The township addition is nearing completion with sink replacement and stucco on upper building outstanding.

The board will seek residents to help form a committee to form rules and regulations for building usage and rates. Use will be determined by staff availability and township business needs.

New Business

- Election Inspectors – Gladys presented a list of Inspectors for the Nov. 7th election for approval by the board. Janet made a motion to approve, seconded by Max. All in favor and motion passed.
- A neighboring property owner that requested some tree removal and installation of a privacy fence has submitted estimates for board review.

Public Comment

- A resident that was previously served a cease-and-desist order, questioned why he is unable to rent/lease to others when farmers lease property from private individuals at the last meeting. Tonight, was in attendance seeking answers to the same. His property is in a residential district, not agricultural and he is not leasing land, but renting tents, partial home area and serving meals to renters without application or permits which he was advised would be needed in 2022. Gladys has contacted the attorney who will be handling all correspondence with the resident.
- The next meeting will be held: Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7 pm
- This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk