

# **Grant Township Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**May 1, 2023**

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on May 1, 2023 at 7:00 PM by; Max Mellon, Janet Lesley opened with a prayer; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gladys made a motion for Max to chair the meeting in Stan's absence, seconded by Edie, all were in favor.

### **Present**

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

### **Absent**

Stanley VanSingel, Supervisor

### **Approval of Consent Agenda/Minutes**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from April 3, 2023 meeting was made by Gladys VeltKamp, seconded by Edie; all were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Clerk**

No after audit bills this month.

### **Zoning**

Kim provided information on the current zoning permits, land divisions, and demolition requests received in April.

There have been questions brought to Kim along with the township planner regarding a change in building use for the Bolthouse packing facility on Spruce. After discussion, it was decided that it could possibly be a stand-alone PUD.

There will be a public hearing on May 18, 2023 at 7 pm to approve the new ordinance. Brad is also updating planning/zoning applications and looking at the 5 question determination used by Zoning Board of Appeals to add clarification.

Next step for Planning is to update the Township Master Plan.

### **Fire Report**

Max provided updates on the current financials and fire district status. At the last meeting it was mowing responsibility was discussed. The city has provided the service and paid for one year, Ashland Township paid for the next year. The board has asked if Grant Township would be willing to pay for every third year. The cost is \$50 each time it is mowed throughout the season.

Edie made a motion to approve payment every third year, seconded by Janet. All were in favor and the motion passed. Max will inform the fire board and we will be billed at season ending.

### **Code Enforcement**

Enforcement officer provided an update on current court proceedings and clean-ups in process. There were two hearings thus far and three scheduled for this coming week for non-compliance.

### **Old Business**

- Gladys presented an update on the cemetery and township hall building projects. The cement is being poured this week at the cemetery.
- John is building forms and ordering cement for the many foundations ordered over the last few months. They should be completed over the next week to allow placement of monuments before Memorial Day.

### **New Business**

- Edie shared with the board that during our MTA conference, it was suggested that all townships have a portable defibrillator which could be purchased with ARPA funds. Gladys made a motion to purchase, seconded by Max. All were in favor. Max will check with the Fire Chief to find best place to purchase and to provide township board with training when delivered.
- Gladys provided an overview of the purchase of 10 training modules from MTA. Each one was a class presented at the conference and are beneficial to all boards. They will be available to all board members to view from May to July. Gladys will set up class times for evenings or weekends according to needs, to allow everyone access. There will also be an active shooter class scheduled for the near future along with some best practice safety measures implemented in the building.

### **Public Comment**

- The next meeting will be held: Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7 pm
- Janet made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm, seconded by Edie. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

**Minutes submitted by:** Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk