

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting of December 10, 2007

12050 Old Belding Road

Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Frank Force called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed

Board Members Present

Supervisor Frank Force , Clerk Jim Fues, Treasurer Sabrina Freeman and Trustee Paul Knoerl

Board Members Absent

Trustee Dennis Heffron, excused

Approval of Agenda

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the agenda as amended. All Ayes

Officers Report

November 19, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the November 19, 2007 Regular meeting minutes as written. All Ayes

November 29, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to approve the November 29, 2007 Special meeting minutes as amended. All Ayes

Budget Amendments

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to accept budget amendments as amended.

(See attached) All Ayes

Accounts Payable

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the accounts payable in amount of

\$19,840.44 ( 31601 - 31632) All Ayes

#### Consent Agenda

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes

#### Public Comments

No public comments

#### Department Reports

##### Fire Department

For the month of November , 2007 there were 2 fires, 11 medicals, 2 trainings, 2 meetings and 1 non fire totaling 18. Fire Chief Lou Kirkbride reported that the Grattan Fire Department received a FEMA grant to purchase hydraulic rescue tools (Jaws of Life) and a DNR grant to purchase wild land gear for the Grattan fire department.

##### Fire Administration Safety Committee

No Meeting

##### Zoning Officer Report

Supervisor F. Force submitted a current summary complaint document.

##### Safety Board of Appeals

No meeting

##### Sewer Report

F. Force reported that on December 19, 2007 at 2 pm a special meeting would take place to discuss the new sewer ordinance and maps, Grattan/Vergennes irrigation review and the rate study review.

##### Planning Commission

(See minutes dated December 5, 2007 )

##### Zoning Board of Appeals

(See minutes dated November 28, 2007)

## Building Department Monthly Report for November 2007

The building department issued 4 building permits (1 - new house, 3 - other and 2 electrical permits, 2 mechanical permits and 1 plumbing permit.

Old Business

PDR Update

No Report

New Business

2008 Calendar

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to approve the Grattan Township 2008 Calendar as amended. All Ayes

Reappointments for Vacant Committee Positions

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of Dennis Heffron as the board representative on the Planning Commission for a one-year term. Roll Call: S. Freeman-y, J. Fues-y, P. Knoerl-y, F. Force-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and S. Freeman supported the nomination of Jerry Spitler on the Planning Commission for a three-year term. Roll Call: P. Knoerl-y, F. Force-y, J. Fues-y, S. Freeman-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported the nomination of Al Berry to the Zoning Board of appeals for a three-year term. Roll Call: F. Force-y, J. Fues-y, P. Knoerl-y, S. Freeman-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

J. Fues moved and F. Force supported the nomination of Pat Mooney to the Zoning Board of appeals for a three-year term . Roll Call: S. Freeman-y, J. Fues-y, P. Knoerl-n, F. Force-y. 3-y/1-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported the nomination of Paul Knoerl to the Fire Administration & Safety Committee as the board representative for one-year term. Roll Call: J. Fues-y, S. Freeman-y, F. Force-y, P. Knoerl-abstained. 3-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of Kurt Faasen to the Fire Administration & Safety Committee as an alternate for a three-year term.

Roll Call: S. Freeman-y, F. Force-y, P. Knoerl-y, J. Fues-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of Scott Vaughn to the Fire Administration & Safety Committee for a three-year term. Roll Call: J. Fues-y, P. Knoerl-y, F. Force-y, S. Freeman-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of Kenneth Brandes to the Fire Administration & Safety Committee for a three-year term. Roll Call: J. Fues-y, S. Freeman-y, F. Force-y, P. Knoerl-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of Shari Miller to the Fire Administration & Safety Committee as an alternate for a three-year term. Roll Call: F. Force-y, S. Freeman-y, J. Fues-y, P. Knoerl-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and S. Freeman supported the nomination of Paul Knoerl as the Board Representative to the Safety Board of Appeals for a one-year term . Roll Call: F. Force-y, S. Freeman-y, J. Fues-y, P. Knoerl-abstained. 3-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of John Proos to the Safety Board of Appeals for a three-year term . Roll Call: P. Knoerl-y, F. Force-y, J. Fues-y, S. Freeman-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported the nomination of Jennifer Medema to the Sewer Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Roll Call: S. Freeman-y, F. Force-y, J. Fues-y, P. Knoerl-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of Thomas Nederveld to the Wetland Review Board for a three-year term . Roll Call: F. Force-y, J. Fues-y, S. Freeman-y, P. Knoerl-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of Dean Salisbury to the Wetland Review Board for a three-year term. Roll Call: J. Fues-y, P. Knoerl-y, F. Force-y, S. Freeman. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of Frank Force to the M-44 Committee for a one-year term. Roll Call: S. Freeman-y, J. Fues-y, P. Knoerl-y, F. Force-abstained. 3-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported the nomination of Paul Knoerl to the M-44 Committee for a one-year term. Roll Call: J. Fues-y, F. Force-y, S. Freeman-y, P. Knoerl-abstained. 3-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported the nomination of Dennis Heffron to the M-44 Committee for a one-year term. Roll Call: S. Freeman-y, P. Knoerl-y, F. Force-y, J. Fues-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported the nomination of Alan Rumbaugh to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two-year term. Roll Call: P. Knoerl-y, F. Force-y, J. Fues-y, S. Freeman-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported the nomination of Jerry Spittler to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two-year term. Roll Call: S. Freeman-y, J. Fues-y, F. Force-y, P. Knoerl-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved to nominate Jim VanderPloeg to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two-year term, no support on the nomination.

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported the nomination of John Malindine to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two-year term . Roll Call: P. Knoerl-y, F. Force-y, J. Fues-y, S. Freeman-y. 4-y/0-n

Board appointed for term starting January 1, 2008

F. Force moved to nominate Jackie VanderPloeg as an alternate to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two-year term, no support on the nomination.

P. Knoerl moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the Resolution Adopting Guidelines for Poverty Exemption as amended. Roll Call: S. Freeman-y, J. Fues-y, F. Force-y, P. Knoerl-y. 4-y/0-n

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the proposed amount of \$450 to have Finishing Touch Landscaping replace white pine and clean up & edge front landscaping. All Ayes

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the proposed amount of \$495 for Boss Electro Static Inc. to paint the partitions in the men and women's bathroom.

All Ayes

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to adopt the Resolution Accepting the terms of the grant and committing for completion of Satterlee Park as amended. Roll Call: P. Knoerl-y, S. Freeman-y, F. Force-y, J. Fues-y. 4-y/0-n

P. Knoerl moved and S. Freeman supported to adopt the Resolution updating certain Township fees and charges (re: resolution 07-008) Roll Call: F. Force-y, J. Fues-y, S. Freeman-y, P. Knoerl-y. 4-y/0-n

Board Member Communications

Meeting Dates

December 19, 2007 Special Board Meeting to address Sewer Issues

January 7, 2007 Next Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jim Fues, Township Clerk

Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor

Recording Secretary,

Monica Burt