

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting of July 9, 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 Dennis Heffron

Board Members Absent - Trustee Paul Knoerl , excused

Approval of Agenda

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the agenda as amended. All Ayes

Officers Report

June 11, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the June 11, 2007 Regular meeting minutes as written. All Ayes

Accounts Payable

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

\$26,537.67 (Check # 31231 - 31265) (31231-31238 & 31268-31294) All Ayes

Consent Agenda

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes

Public Comments

Resident Glen Yonker asked what the status was on the Noise Ordinance regarding Grattan Raceway. He informed the board that the noise levels have been very high recently. Clerk J. Fues informed him that there was not a noise ordinance but that the planning commission had set some guidelines regarding the acceptable noise levels that

Grattan Raceway needed to meet. He said they have been meeting guidelines. He also encouraged Glen that if he wanted more information regarding this topic to come in and get a copy of the minutes when this subject was addressed.

Trustee Dennis Heffron arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Maria Bajema read a letter offering a few items for the Board to consider and recommended that professional engineers be considered regarding the Sewer Systems in Grattan Township .

Department Reports

Fire Department

For the month of May, 2007 there were 3 fires, 7 medicals, 2 trainings, 2 meetings and 4 non fires totaling 18.

Fire Administration Safety Committee

Supervisor F. Force reported that topics discussed were Grants, school crossing and an interview for a new cadet.

Zoning Officer Report

Supervisor F. Force reported that Al Darznick , our Zoning Enforcer, submitted a current summary complaint document.

Safety Board of Appeals

No meeting

Sewer Report

Supervisor F. Force reported that the base bids and alternate bids for the mechanical upgrade are finalized for the monies and will take less than two years for completion. Harold Bailey also reported that two Electrical Panels need installing.

Planning Commission

No Meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

(See Minutes Dated June 20, 2007)

Building Department Monthly Report for June 2007

The building department issued 11 building permits, 5 electrical permits, 5 mechanical permits and 5 plumbing permits.

Old Business

PDR Update

D. Heffron reported that a ceremony will be scheduled to finalize two farms for the PDR program.

New Business

Engineering Study for Grattan/Vergennes

James Hegarty from Prein & Newhoff gave a presentation regarding the specifics that will be included in the proposal from Prein & Newhoff for Professional Engineering services for the Grattan/Vergennes wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade.

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to hire Prein & Newhoff to do a proposal for Professional Engineering Services for the Grattan/Vergennes Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade for the amount \$8,400. Roll Call: J. Fues-yes, S. Freeman-yes, D. Heffron-yes, F. Force-yes . 4-ayes, 0-nays

Kent County Library Presentation

Jim Bruxvoort from the Kent District Library gave a presentation on all the different ways the Kent District Library is getting funding and opportunities they offer.

ZBA Bylaws

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws based on the draft changes (Section 1 D-4 will be moved to Section 1 - F. and Section 2 Agenda F-1-8 will be moved to Section 1 -B under Chairperson). All Ayes

Fire Cadet Application

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to nominate Timothy Lee Hall as a fire cadet for the Grattan Township Fire Department. All Ayes

Mandatory ZBA Training

Board discussed positives and negatives of recommending training mandatory for ZBA members with a twelve-month time limit.

J. Fues moved and F. Force supported to authorizing a signing of a resolution parallel to the one passed requiring training for the Planning Commission Members for Zoning Board of Appeals members. Roll Call: J. Fues-yes, F. Force-yes, S. Freeman-yes , D. Heffron-yes. 4-ayes, 0-nays

Dock Ordinance Amendment

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to amend the dock ordinance to include in Section 5.6 that the "T" or "L" section may have a maximum width of eight feet.

All Ayes

Amended Resolution Establishing FASC

Board agreed to table Resolution Establishing Fire Administrative and Safety Committee to allow for further review.

Township Water Supply

Clerk J. Fues reported that the six-month testing for drinking water for bacteria, failed. The well was chlorinated and the water sample was taken prior to entering the building supply lines and water samples came back acceptable. Clerk J. Fues suggested that in the future we test at two locations; the well and the kitchen. The Board agreed of the suggested procedure.

Tractor at Sewer Facility

Clerk J. Fues recommended to the board that consideration be made to put a new mowing tractor in the budget or consider contracting the mowing at the Sewer Treatment Sites.

Trustee D. Heffron made a recommendation to get a maintenance evaluation on the mowers condition.

Board Member Communications

Township Application Forms and Fees

Board agreed it would be good to put the application forms and fees on the Web Site.

Kent County Pig Roast

The Kent County Farm Bureau Members pig roast will be July 23, 2007 , 6:00 pm at the May Farms, 7828 Fruit Ridge, in Sparta .

PDR Bus Tour-July 18, 2007, 12:00 pm

Supervisor F. Force informed the board that the DNR and West Michigan Walleye Club want to do Walleye Rearing in the Grattan/Vergennes Sewer Treatment holding ponds.

Meeting Dates

July 23, 2007 Alternate Board Meeting

August 13, 2007 Next Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Jim Fues, Township Clerk

Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor

Recording Secretary,

Monica Burtt