

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting of June 11, 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 , and Trustee Dennis Heffron

Board Members Absent - Treasurer Sabrina Freeman , excused and Trustee Paul Knoerl, excused

Approval of Agenda

D. Heffron moved and J. Fues supported to approve the agenda as amended. All Ayes

Officers Report

May 14, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the May 14, 2007 Regular meeting minutes as amended. All Ayes

May 29, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes

D. Heffron moved and J. Fues supported to approve the May 29, 2007 Special meeting minutes as amended. All Ayes

June 6, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the June 6, 2007 Special meeting minutes as amended. All Ayes

Accounts Payable

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the accounts payable in amount of

\$26,929.12 (Check #31172 - 31205) All Ayes

Consent Agenda

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes

Public Comments

No public comments

Scout Attendee

Supervisor F. Force introduced Charlie, a scout from Troop 228 Bostwick Lake who attended the meeting regarding service for his Citizenship Management.

Department Reports

Fire Department

For the month of May, 2007 there were 4 fires, 6 medicals, 3 trainings, 2 meetings and 5 non fires totaling 20.

Fire Administration Safety Committee

Supervisor F. Force reported that topics discussed were building use policy, a letter to Grattan Academy addressing safety issues for school crossing, Homeland Security Grant and an interview with Stacey Madden for a new fire cadet.

Zoning Officer Report

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

Mr. Osmolinski had a hearing for contempt of court regarding the Kennels on Gavin Lake , for not complying with the special land use and the court order that he had been given. This case will be handled through the court, not Grattan Township .

Safety Board of Appeals

No meeting

Sewer Report

Supervisor F. Force reviewed with the board a letter from Chad Sosnowski regarding capacity in the Grattan or Grattan/Vergennes Treatment sewer sites.

Planning Commission

No Meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

(See Minutes Dated May 16, 2007)

Building Department Monthly Report for May 2007

Issued 1 building permit for new deck. There were 2 electrical permits, 4 mechanical permits and 0 plumbing permits issued.

Old Business

PDR Update

D. Heffron reported that the Mary Lou Heffron farm is finalized. He also noted that it is difficult to get funds from the Federal Government Program because of having to comply with new rules. The State program is much better.

Fertilizer Ordinance

Board discussed a suggestion that we received from a citizen to have a buffer area of 30 feet from the water as a no fertilizer zone. Board agreed to add this to the draft copy of the Fertilizer Ordinance.

Approval Base Bid for Mechanical Upgrade

D. Heffron moved and J. Fues supported to accept the bid from Grandtech Inc. for \$128,498.00 for the Mechanical/Electrical Upgrade to the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station.

Roll Call: J. Fues-Yes, D. Heffron-Yes, F. Force-Yes. 3-ayes, 0-nays

Painting of Lobby and Senior Hall

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to accept the bid proposal from Tony Bierens for painting of Lobby, bathrooms and Senior Hall for \$2,375.00. All Ayes

New Business

ZBA Bylaws

There will be further review of bylaws at the Zoning Board of Appeals at their next meeting.

Land Sale to Consumers

The EPA is allowing Grattan Township to keep all proceeds from the sale of the land at the corner of Lincoln Lake and Heffron Road

D. Heffron moved and J. Fues supported to approve the Resolution authorizing the sale of township property (formerly referred to as the "Grattan Drain") to Consumers Energy Company. Roll Call: D. Heffron-Yes, J. Fues-Yes, F. Force-Yes. 3-Ayes, 0-Nays

Migrant Housing Lease and Repairs

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to accept H & W Farms LLC bid application for the Migrant Housing located on the sewer district property of \$3,000 per year for a 3 year term. Roll Call: D. Heffron-Yes, J. Fues-Yes, F. Force-Yes. 3-Ayes, 0- Nays

Fire Cadet Application

F. Force moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the application for Stacey Madden for Fire Department Cadet. All Ayes

Firefighter Application

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to approve the application for Ashley McCarty to be a Grattan Township Firefighter. All Ayes

Main Tech Contract

Board discussed Main Tech's Contract with hourly rate increase and decided to get more bids before approving contract.

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to authorize F. Force to evaluate and give Main Tech a 30-day extended service agreement or have an additional board meeting on the topic of Main Tech's service contract. All Ayes

All Ayes

Harold Bailey's Contract Renewal

F. Force moved and D. Heffron supported to extend Harold Bailey's employment for 6 months, from July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 for \$2,500 . All Ayes

Building Use Policy for the Fire Station

A Building use policy is being written and will be brought to the board for approval in the future.

Table and Chair Rental

Board agreed not to rent Township Tables and Chairs.

Asphalt Cracks and Sidewalk Damage

Board agreed to consider bids to repair the cracks in the asphalt in the parking lot and sidewalk damage.

Appoint ZBA Member (3 Year Term)

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to approve Nancy Benner to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. Roll Call: J. Fues-Yes, D. Heffron-Yes, F. Force-Yes. 3-ayes, 0-Nays

MTA Dues

F. Force moved and D. Heffron supported to approve to pay the Annual Dues to MTA from July 1, 2007 to June 31, 2008 for \$2,600.10. All Ayes

PDR Application Renewals

J. Fues moved and F. Force supported to approve the PDR application for Philip J. Heffron for parcel #41-12-01-300-019. All Ayes

J. Fues moved and F. Force supported to approve the PDR application for Philip J. Heffron for parcel # 41-12-11-100-024, # 41-12-10-226-003. All Ayes

J. Fues moved and F. Force supported to approve the PDR application for Thomas P. Heffron for parcel # 41-12-01-100-001. All Ayes

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the PDR application for Thomas P. Heffron for parcel # 41-12-12-326-003. All Ayes

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the PDR application for Joseph V. Jakeway (Trust) for parcel # 41-12-05-400-003, 41-12-05-400-002. All Ayes

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the PDR application for Raymond H. Weeks for parcel # 41-12-35-200-003. All Ayes

Citizen Planner Course

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to authorize participation in the MSU Citizen Planner Course, and payment up to the budgeted amount for the ZBA and the Planning Commission. All Ayes

Asset Management (Inventories Required)

Clerk J. Fues informed the board that he will be requiring information regarding all assets and inventory. Some of the information required 1) Item Description, 2) Serial Number(s), 3) Account or Department purchased through, 4) Original Cost, 5) Date put into service, 6) Expected Life, 7) Physical Location, 8) Intended Use, others may be required also.

Board Member Communications

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 .

Meeting Dates

June 25, 2007, 7:00 p.m. Alternate Board Meeting

July 9, 2007, 7:00 p.m. Next Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Jim Fues, Township Clerk Date

Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor Date

Recording Secretary,

Monica Burt