

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting of November 19, 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

Approval of Agenda

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

Officers Report

October 8, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the October 8, 2007 Regular meeting minutes as written. All Ayes

Accounts Payable

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the accounts payable in amount of \$3,228.42 (Check # 31578 - 31584) All Ayes

Consent Agenda

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes

Public Comments

No public comments

Department Reports

Fire Department

For the month of October, 2007 there were 1 fire, 16 medicals, 3 trainings, 2 meetings and 2 non fires totaling 24.

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to appoint Gary Parcher to the Grattan Township Fire Department as a cadet for 90 days. Roll Call: F. Force-yes, J. Fues-yes,

S. Freeman-yes, P. Knoerl-yes. 4-ayes, 0-nays

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported to accept Brian Stalsonburg as a regular member to the Grattan Township Fire Department. Roll Call: P. Knoerl-yes, F. Force-yes,

J. Fues-yes, S. Freeman-yes. 4-ayes 0-nays

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

Supervisor F. Force gave an update on current things taking place regarding sewer matters.

Planning Commission

(See minutes dated November 7, 2007)

Zoning Board of Appeals

(See minutes dated October 17, 2007)

Building Department Monthly Report for October 2007

The building department issued 6 building permits (2 - new houses, 3 - addition/remodel and 1 demo. 5 electrical permits, 8 mechanical permits and 3 plumbing permits.

Old Business

PDR Update

No Report

Fertilizer Ordinance

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to approve the Ordinance to regulate the application of phosphorous fertilizers in specified lake drainage districts in the township; to require licensure of certain applicators of manufactured fertilizers; and to provide penalties for the violation thereof. This ordinance will include the amendment to add Chapin Lake to Section 2, Section 4 and Section 7. Roll Call: S. Freeman-yes, J. Fues-yes, P. Knoerl-yes,

F. Force-yes. 4-eyes 0-nays

Migrant Housing

Supervisor F. Force gave an update on the repairs required for the migrant housing issues and a list of current options that are available. This was a topic of discussion and George Wright, who is currently leasing this building, was asked for suggestions also. Board agreed to gather more information on cost figures for remodel, and demolition.

Article 19 Amendment

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to approve the ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan Article 19 amendments regarding Enforcement Procedures. The persons authorized to issue municipal civil infractions for zoning ordinance violations by the Township supervisor, the building inspector, the zoning administrator, the zoning enforcement officer and any deputy of the Kent County Sheriff's department. Roll Call: S. Freeman-yes, F. Force-yes, J. Fues-yes, P. Knoerl-yes. 4-eyes 0-nays

Budget Review

Clerk J. Fues gave an update on the steps to recover funds to the budget that will replace the State funding that will not be received. Also, he is working on coming up with some additional funds to support the grant for the new well at the fire station.

New Business

Township Property Trespassing Ordinance

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve an ordinance for the township of Grattan , Prohibiting Public Access to Township property designated as sewer treatment facilities. Roll Call: S. Freeman-yes, J. Fues-yes, P. Knoerl-yes, F. Force-yes. 4-ayes 0-nays

Township Sign

Board discussed signage recommendation and agreed that events are well published by the cable channel, web site, and other notices.

Snow Plowing Bids

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the snow plowing contract for 2007-2008 to C & R Lawn & Snowplowing Service totaling \$140/Hall & Museum per event and \$130/Fire Department per event. All Ayes

Board Member Communications

Meeting Dates

November 26, 2007 Alternate Board Meeting

December 10, 2007 Next Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Jim Fues, Township Clerk Date

Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor Date

Recording Secretary,

Monica Burt