

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting of September 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 and Trustee Paul Knoerl

Board Members Absent

Treasurer Sabrina Freeman -excused and Trustee Dennis Heffron -excused

Approval of Agenda

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

Officers Report

August 13, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the August 13, 2007 Regular meeting minutes as written. All Ayes

September 6, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to approve the September 6, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes. All Ayes

Accounts Payable

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the accounts payable in amount of \$32,257.66 (Check # 31440-31446) All Ayes

Consent Agenda

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes

## Public Comments

Resident Dorothy Holwerda at 3841 Causeway expressed her concern about an old dock located at the end of an easement and part of it on the public access adjacent to their property. Her main concern was that it is very ugly. Supervisor Frank Force noted that he has filed a complaint (an investigative report) and the Zoning Enforcer is gathering information to clarify what can be done regarding the old dock.

## Department Reports

### Fire Department

For the month of August, 2007 there were 6 fires, 15 medicals, 2 trainings, 2 meetings and 2 non fires totaling 27.

### Fire Administration Safety Committee

Trustee Paul Knoerl reported that topics discussed were Homeland Security Grant, traffic safety at the Grattan Academy and the Kent County CBDG grant for a high pressure d well at the Grattan Fire Station.

### Zoning Officer Report

Supervisor F. Force submitted a current summary complaint document.

### Safety Board of Appeals

No meeting

### Sewer Report

Supervisor F. Force reported that the Sewer Ordinance is nearing completion. The Board approved a sewer rate study that will be presented to the Board at the same time as the ordinance. The new sewer maps are all color-coded showing what properties that are available for hook up and the one's that are not. The mechanical upgrade is having some difficulty getting started.

### Planning Commission

(See minutes dated August 1, 2007 )

### Zoning Board of Appeals

No Meeting

### Building Department Monthly Report for August 2007

The building department issued 7 building permits, 6 electrical permits, 4 mechanical permits and 4 plumbing permits.

Old Business

PDR Update

No Report

Fertilizer Ordinance

Supervisor F. Force reported that the engineers are currently drafting new copies of the maps with drainage areas on them. The maps will be presented at the next board meeting for review and possible approval.

Citizen Planner Course

Clerk J. Fues noted the Citizen Planner Course was recently made mandatory for all Planning Commission members and Zoning Board of Appeal members. Al Berry reported his experience with this course was very frustrating at times and the main reason for his frustration was that he has dial up and it was a very slow process. He noted that the information in the course was very good. He would highly recommend for others to take the course.

New Business

2010 Census

Clerk J. Fues ask the Board for their recommendation of what level of participation the township would like to participate in the 2010 Census. Clerk J. Fues suggested the township participate 100% and help with it. This would include some training and some hours for township employees. He noted many ways this would benefit the Township in different areas.

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported that Grattan Township participate in the 2010 Census with highest level of participation (Level A). All Ayes

Migrant Housing

Supervisor F. Force reported the migrant housing on the corner of Heffron and Lincoln Lake Road has some developments of interests. Based on recent inspection reports from the state, areas on the roof need s to be replaced on the first building and the plumbing drain line on the second building has failed. The lessee dug it up and found it has no septic tank and runs into a gravel bed. Supervisor F. Force has contacted the health department and they will review the situation and will be making recommendations on

what will need to be done. He also noted the well house has deteriorated to a point that would require it to be removed or repaired. Supervisor will collect information on how much repairs will cost and report to the board on his findings.

#### Office Hours

Supervisor F. Force reported that he had some resident's express concerns that they have a hard time getting to the township based on the hours of operation. They asked if the township could be open one day a month or week with extended hours. Board discussed different possibilities that could help with this request. More information will be gathered and be presented at a later date.

#### New Printer for Clerks Office

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported that we purchase a HP Laser 3000 printer for the clerk's office, price not to exceed \$900. All Ayes

#### Board Member Communications

#### Meeting Dates

September 24, 2007 Alternate Board Meeting

Ocotober 8, 2007 Next Regular Board Meeting

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jim Fues, Township Clerk

Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor

Recording Secretary,

Monica Burt