

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Regular Meeting of March 12, 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, Trustee Dennis Heffron and Trustee Paul Knoerl

**Board Members Absent -** None

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Officers Report**

February 12, 2007 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

D. Heffron moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the February 12, 2007 regular board meeting minutes. **All Ayes**

February 26, 2007 Final Budget Review Meeting Minutes

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to approve the February 26, 2007 Final Budget Review meeting minutes as amended. **All Ayes**

Accounts Payable

J. Fues moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the accounts payable in amount of \$24,577.46 (Check #30986 - 31017) **All Ayes**

**Consent Agenda**

D. Heffron moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the Consent Agenda. **All Ayes**

Public Comments

No public comments

Fire Department

For the month of February, 2007 there were 2 fires, 13 medicals, 3 trainings, 2 meetings and 1 non fire totaling 21.

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Approved: 4/09/07

Fire Administration Safety Committee

Trustee P. Knoerl reported they reviewed the budget and discussed how successful the Ice Rescue Training went and had participants from many surrounding fire departments. Safety regarding crossing the road from the school was also in discussion at the meeting.

Zoning Officer Report

Supervisor F. Force noted it has been very quiet.

Safety Board of Appeals

No meeting

Sewer Report

Trustee D. Heffron reported that Valley Irrigation would be evaluating the irrigation system at the Grattan Vergennes site and will be offering recommendations on repairs to, or replacement of system.

Planning Commission

(See Planning Commission Minutes Dated February 7, 2007)

Zoning Board of Appeals

(See Minutes Dated February 21, 2007)

Building Department Monthly Report for February 2007

Issued 2 building permits, one for basement finish, and one demo permit. There was one electric permit, 3 mechanical permits and 2 plumbing permits issued.

**Old Business**

PDR Update

Trustee D. Heffron reported that the Kent County fundraiser in early March raised about \$6,000 for farmland preservation.

ZBA Appointee

D. Heffron moved and P. Knoerl supported to appoint Gregory L. Clover to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. **Roll Call: 5-ayes, 0-nays**

Farm Lease

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to approve the Official Farm Lease Bid Application. **Roll Call: 5-ayes, 0-nays**

Migrant Housing Lease

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to approve the Official Lease Bid Application for the Migrant Housing at the Grattan Township BPI Treatment Facility, based on an amendment to designate yard maintenance.

**Roll Call: 5-ayes, 0-nays**

**New Business**

Al Berry from the Planning Commission reviewed the new ordinances and some of the positive benefits the ordinances will have on the township.

**Excavating Ordinance**

P. Knoerl moved and D. Heffron supported to approve the ordinance to amend the Zoning ordinance of the Township of Grattan Limited Excavation Vehicles and Equipment, with the noted change of registration date to August 1, (page 6).

**Roll Call: 5-ayes, 0-nays**

**Barn Storage Ordinance**

D. Heffron moved and J. Fues supported to approve the ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan for Storage of Boats, Recreational Vehicles, etc. in Existing Farm Buildings, as amended. **Roll Call: 5-ayes, 0-nays**

**Township Administrative Policies and Procedures**

P. Knoerl moved and D. Heffron supported to adopt the resolution for the Grattan Township Administrative Policies and Procedures handbook, Revision 1, Dated March 12, 2007 as amended. **Roll Call: 5-ayes, 0-nays**

**Township Employee Handbook**

P. Knoerl moved and D. Heffron supported to adopt the resolution for the Grattan Township Employee Personnel Manual, Revision 1, Dated March 12, 2007 as amended.

**Roll Call: 5-ayes, 0-nays**

**Brian Heethuis Sewer Disconnects**

Owner of two properties on Big Pine Island Lake has requested a 12-month hardship sewer disconnect, since these homes will be unoccupied for 12 months. If granted, owner would not have to pay sewer usage fees on properties over the next 12 months. After discussion with Board, it was agreed to grant this hardship request only if owner allows a physical disconnect or blockage of sewer lines to Grattan Sewer system and also agrees to pay for disconnect. Owner would also be responsible for a sewer reconnect fee and charges to reconnect lines once he wants service resumed.

**CDBG Grant**

Clerk J. Fues ask for board support to move ahead with the recent CDBG grant that the township received for expansion of Township Hall. Board agreed that 2007 Grant money should be used to complete preliminary design and engineering of the addition. Clerk J. Fues noted that additional grants would be required in the future to complete construction of the addition.

**New Carpet & Painting of Township offices & Hall**

Trustee P. Knoerl is working on specifications for bids on new carpet and painting of the offices and O'Brien room.

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Required Education for Planning Commission members

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to adopt the resolution requiring Formal Education for Planning Commission Members. **Roll Call: 5-ayes, 0-nays**

Training Costs for Committee Members

J. Fues moved and D.Heffron supported to adopt the resolution determining training costs to be paid or reimbursed by Grattan Township for committee members serving on Grattan Township Committees. **Roll Call: 5-ayes, 0-nays**

Barn Demolition

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to award contract for barn demolition to Natures Needs Landscape Construction & Design Inc. **All Ayes**

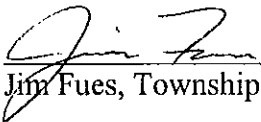
**Board Member Communications**

Meeting Dates

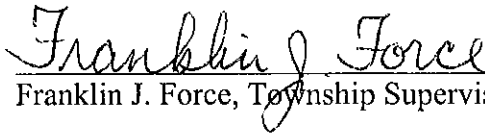
March 26, 2007, 7:00 p.m.    Public Hearing of Budget  
April 9, 2007, 7:00 p.m.    Next Regular Board Meeting

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
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Jim Fues, Township Clerk

4-10-07  
Date

  
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Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor

4-10-07  
Date

Recording Secretary,  
Monica Burt

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