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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
BUDGET HEARING
March 26, 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, Treasurer Sabrina Freeman, Trustee Dennis Heffron and Trustee Paul Knoerl

Board Members Absent - Clerk Jim Fues, excused

Approval of Agenda

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

Officers Report

March 27, 2006 Budget Hearing Minutes

D. Heffron moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes of March 27, 2006 as presented. **All Ayes**

Accounts Payable

S. Freeman moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the accounts payable in amount of \$1,103.71 (Check #31028 - 31033) **All Ayes**

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comments

No public comments

Resolution to Adopt Robert's Rules of Order

P. Knoerl moved and D. Heffron supported to adopt the resolution adopting Roberts Rules of order for all Grattan Township meetings for fiscal year 2007/2008, as amended.

Roll Call Vote: 4-ayes, 0-nays

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Resolution to Designate Banking Facility

D. Heffron moved and P. Knoerl supported to adopt the resolution designating Huntington National Bank as the Grattan Township banking facility for fiscal year 2007/2008 as amended. **Roll Call Vote: 4-ayes, 0-nays.**

Resolution to Adopt General Appropriations Act

P. Knoerl moved and D. Heffron supported to adopt the resolution adopting General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2007/2008. **Roll Call Vote: 4-ayes, 0-nays**

Budget Public Hearing

P. Knoerl moved and D. Heffron supported to open the 2007/2008 Budget Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. **All Ayes**

Three residents expressed the need to put some money in the budget for road maintenance. It was noted that the draft budget had zero dollars for 2007/2008. One resident presented a picture to the board showing the condition of his road. Particularly bad/impassable road sections were noted and there was a concern of emergency vehicles reaching these areas at 5 Mile Road between Lincoln Lake Road and Montcalm Road. Also, on Ashley between 5 & 6 Mile Road. Two other sections on 5 Mile Road were noted to be in very bad condition.

Board members offered information regarding the responsibility of the Kent County Road Commission and other areas that have an impact on road maintenance. Resident made a request to the board about getting an estimate to repair the road properly from the Kent County Road Commission. Supervisor Frank Force offered to proceed with getting estimate for road improvements on the section of road on 5 Mile shown in the picture.

Board asked residents if they would consider a special assessment to improve roads by their residences, answer was no. Board asked residents if they would forego some dust layering in order to fund some road maintenance. They were in favor of that. Also, mentioned was to ask Kent County Road Commission if they could just dust layer roads in front of residents' properties.

Board indicated it would consider their input and thanked them for attending.

D. Heffron moved and P. Knoerl supported to close the 2007/2008 Budget Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. **All Ayes**

After discussion, board decided to put \$10,000 in road maintenance in 2007/2008 budget.

P. Knoerl moved and D. Heffron supported to approve \$10,000 (line item # 101.446.968) for road maintenance in 2007/2008 budget. Reducing (line item #101.446.969) from \$21,000 to \$14,000, reducing (line item #101.265.931) from \$3,000 to zero.

Roll Call Vote: 4-ayes, 0-nays

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Meeting Dates

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

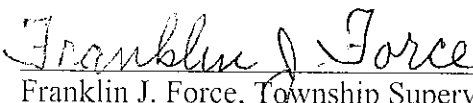
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Jim Fues, Township Clerk

3-26-08
Date



Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor

3-26-08
Date

Recording Secretary,
Monica Burt