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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting of May 14, 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.

Approval of Agenda

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

Officers Report

April 9, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the April 9, 2007 Regular meeting minutes as written. **All Ayes**

Accounts Payable

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the accounts payable in amount of \$96,698.70 (Check #31084 – 31137) **All Ayes**

Consent Agenda

P. Knoerl 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 April, 2007 there were 4 fires, 8 medicals, 2 trainings, 2 meetings and 4 non fires totaling 20.

Fire Administration Safety Committee

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No Meeting

Zoning Officer Report

Supervisor Frank Force updated the board on the Michael Kennedy v Grattan Township.

Safety Board of Appeals

No meeting

Sewer Report

Supervisor Frank Force reported the low bidder on mechanical improvements was Grand Tech at \$128,489.00. Work will be primarily devoted to replacement of hoses with guide rail systems, which are used for pump removal. This is the final phase of Sewer Improvement project initiated three years ago.

It was noted by Sewer O&M staff and engineers that the galvanized pipes (30 years old) which run from the wet wells of 12 pump stations are in bad shape, and may need replacement soon. Initial estimates for this are \$146,000.00. Alternate methods are being investigated to bring this cost down.

Clerk Jim Fues ask for a recommendation from the Sewer Advisory Committee regarding this issue.

Planning Commission

No Meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

(See Minutes Dated April 18, 2007)

Building Department Monthly Report for April 2007

Issued 7 building permits 4 for new homes, 2 renewal permits from 2005, and one deck permit. There were 4 electric permit, 6 mechanical permits and 2 plumbing permits issued.

Old Business

Supervisor Frank Force noted that Dave Hildebrand was at the Grattan Township on Monday May 14, 2007. This was a time for residents to ask questions regarding different topics.

Fertilizer Ordinance

P. Knoerl moved and J. Fues supported to award the creation of the lake drainage maps for the Lakes Fertilizer Ordinance to Prein & Newhoff for \$2,200.00 **Roll Call: 3-ayes, 0-nays.**

Paint Bids

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to award the painting of township offices to Tony Behrens for \$980.00. Roll Call: 3-ayes, 0-nays.

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Lawn Care

J. Fues reported that Blue Grass was awarded the lawn care and mistakenly bid 26 bids instead of the 30 recommended. Clerk J. Fues recommended that he would be in favor of keeping Blue Grass this year and paying them per cut. Board agreed with this recommendation.

Clean Up Days

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to change the clean up days to only one day. To be held on July 21, 2007 from 8 am to 1 pm. **All Ayes**

Grile Party Store

Board discussed illegal signs and decided to proceed with court hearing to ensure that Mr. Grile conforms to all stipulations of original use variance and permit for his store.

New Business

Andrews Landscaping Variance

Zoning Administrator, Gregg Converse gave a summary of history regarding the Andrews original use variance.

Board decided to draft letter indicating that resident has a certain time period to bring accessory structure up to code and to comply with original use variance granted in 2003.

Excavation Vehicles & Equipment and Barn Storage Registration Resolution

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to adopt Resolution 07-017 amending Resolution 07-008 to approve the annual registration fee of \$50.00 for Excavation Vehicles & Equipment and \$50.00 annual registration fee for Barn Storage.

Roll Call: 3-ayes, 0-nays

Barn Foundation Removal

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the proposal #2623 from Natures Needs Landscape Construction & Design for removal of barn foundation for amount of \$2,663.50. **Roll Call: 3-ayes, 0-nays**

Township Hall Cleaners

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to award the annual cleaning contract for township hall and offices to Lynn Whitfield for \$230.00 monthly and additional labor as required in agreement. **All Ayes**

Appoint Lake Board Member

J. Fues moved and P. Knoel supported to nominate Maria Bajema for all Lake Boards.

Roll Call: 3-ayes, 0-nays

Peach Tree

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the purchase of the update of Peach Tree Accounting to include multi-user and support for \$968.95 **All Ayes**

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Seniors Meals & North Kent Transit Service

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to authorize Supervisor Frank Force to extend the Seniors Meals Contract 2007 / 2008 for \$10,000 and the North Kent Transit Service Contract 2007 / 2008 for \$11,000. **All Ayes**

Emergency Medical Services Week

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to approve the Resolution to declare the week of May 20-26, 2007 as the Emergency Medical Services Week. **Roll Call: 3-ayes, 0-nays**

Landscaping Maintenance

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve the proposal for the Front Landscape Maintenance for amount of \$718.50. **All Ayes**

Rate Study

Board approved further investigation of a sewer rate study to determine financial needs of sewer systems, improvements and O & M rates in the future.

Copy Machine

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve a new lease for a Toshiba ES-3500C color printer. **All Ayes**

Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals Member

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to appoint Nancy Benner to the ZBA as an alternate member. **Roll Call: 3-ayes, 0-nays**

Board Member Communications


Natural Beauty Road

Meeting Dates

June 11, 2007, 7:00 p.m. Next Regular Board Meeting

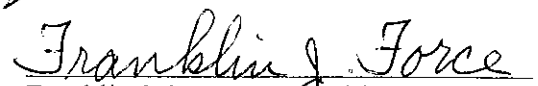
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Jim Fues, Township Clerk

7-02-07
Date



Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor

7-2-07
Date

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Recording Secretary,
Monica Burt