

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

Special Meeting and

Budget Work Session # 1

JANUARY, 22, 2008

Call to Order

Supervisor Frank Force called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Board Members Present

Supervisor Frank Force , Clerk Jim Fues , Treasurer Sabrina Freeman , 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

Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting January 17, 2008

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman supported to approve the Special Meeting minutes of January 17, 2008 as written. All Ayes

Salary Resolutions

F. Force moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve Resolution #08-005 for the Clerk Salary for \$20,000. Roll Call: S. Freeman-yes, P. Knoerl-yes, F. Force-yes, J. Fues-yes. 4-yes - 0-nays

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to approve Resolution #08-006 for the Treasurer Salary for \$17,500. Roll Call: J. Fues-yes, P. Knoerl-yes, F. Force-yes, S. Freeman-y. 4-yes - 0-nays

J. Fues moved and P. Knoerl supported to approve Resolution #08-007 for the Supervisor Salary for \$17,500. Roll Call: J. Fues-yes, P. Knoerl-yes, F. Force-yes, S. Freeman-yes. 4-yes - 0-nays

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to approve Resolution #08-009 for the Trustee Salary for \$3,500. Roll Call: S. Freeman-yes, P. Knoerl-yes, J. Fues-yes, F. Force-yes. 4-yes - 0-nays

Resolution Establishing Mileage Rate

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to approve Resolution #08-002 establishing the mileage rate for fiscal year 2008/2009 at the rate of 50.5 cents per mile. Roll Call: F. Force-yes, S. Freeman-yes, P. Knoerl-yes, J. Fues-yes. 4-yes - 0-nays

Resolution Closing Old Belding Road on Memorial Day

F. Force moved and J. Fues supported to approve Resolution #08-003 for closing Old Belding Road on Memorial Day, May 26, 2008 . Roll Call: F. Force-yes, J. Fues-yes, P. Knoerl-yes, S. Freeman-yes. 4-yes - 0-nays

Resolution Designating Banking Facility

F. Force moved and S. Freeman supported to approve Resolution #08-004 to designate Huntington National Bank as the township banking facility for daily operations for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. Roll Call: S. Freeman-yes, P. Knoerl-yes, F. Force-yes, J. Fues-yes. 4-yes - 0-nays

Resolution Adopting Robert Rules of Order

F. Force moved and S. Freeman supported to approve Resolution #08-008 adopting Robert Rules of Order to conduct township meetings for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. Roll Call: J. Fues-yes, F. Force-yes, S. Freeman-yes, P. Knoerl-yes. 4-yes - 0-nays

New Business

Discussion of Budget

All Revenues accounts were discussed. The following expense departments were discussed:

Trustee, Supervisor, Elections, Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, Building & Grounds, Cemetery, General Administration, Professional Services, Zoning Administration, Highways & Streets, Planning Commission, Safety Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review,

Fire Administration & Safety Committee, Farmland Preservation, M-44 Committee, Wetlands Review Board, Other Expenses, Cable Television/Network Technology.

Trustee Paul Knoerl requested bids for the township annual audit be solicited. The bid process will require three competitive bids to submit to the Township Board.

The migrant housing was a topic of discussion. Supervisor F. Force is waiting for informational requirements for a septic system from Kent County for bids.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm .

Jim Fues, Township Clerk Date

Franklin J. Force, Supervisor Date

Recording Secretary, Monica Burt