

**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Budget Meeting of February 23, 2009**

**1. Call to Order**

Township Treasurer Sabrina Freeman called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

D. Timmons read the roll call. Members present: Treasurer Sabrina Freeman, Trustee P. Knoerl and Trustee D. Heffron. Members absent: Supervisor Frank Force and Clerk Jim Fues. Those absences were excused.

S. Freeman nominated D. Heffron as Chair of the meeting. P. Knoerl seconded. Ayes: P. Knoerl and S. Freeman. Abstain: D. Heffron. The motion carried by a vote of 2-0-1.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

P. Knoerl moved and S. Freeman seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes. The motion carried.

**4. Public Comments**

Jim Vander Ploeg asked what is going on in the Township. P. Knoerl referred Mr. Vander Ploeg to the Township attorney, John Sperla. Mr. Vander Ploeg requested a copy of the proposed budget and was provided with a copy.

**5. New Business**

Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

Saint Patrick's Church- request for one (1) day liquor license approval

S. Freeman explained the request by Saint Patrick's church for a one day liquor license for March 14, 2009. P. Knoerl moved and S. Freeman seconded to authorize S. Freeman to sign the church's application for beer, wine and spirits. All ayes. The motion carried.

Review of Budget 2009/2010

S. Freeman said changes from the last regular meeting have been made to the proposed budget. Senior Meals was changed from \$18,000 to \$14,500 and \$196,000 was in the sewer RR to cover mechanical upgrades and pump replacement if needed. S. Freeman also noted that the new percentage of quarterly sewer payments applied to the RR account is 20% and 80% for

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operations and maintenance. Some SAD weed assessments may change when they are renewed in the spring.

The Township Board will vote on the proposed budget at the March 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

There were no other questions.

**6. Board Member Communications**

Meeting Dates

The next regular Township Board meeting will be held on March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The alternative Township Board meeting date is March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

D. Heffron asked for any other public comments. J. Vander Ploeg asked if this was the budget the Board would BE voting on. Board members said it was A PROPOSED BUDGET.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, D. Heffron declared the meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

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Jim Fues, Township Clerk

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Date

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Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor

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Date

Diane Timmons  
Recording Secretary