

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting of January 11, 2010

1. Call to Order

Township Supervisor Frank Force called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

F. Force led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

D. Timmons read the roll call. Members present: Supervisor F. Force, Treasurer Sabrina Freeman and Clerk J. Fues. Members absent: Trustee D. Heffron and Trustee P. Knoerl (both excused). Township Fire Chief Lou Kirkbride also attended the meeting.

4. Approval of the Agenda

F. Force noted a minor correction in the agenda. S. Freeman moved and J. Fues seconded to approve the amended agenda. All ayes. The motion carried.

5. Officers Report (Clerk's Report)

Approval of Minutes

S. Freeman noted two corrections to the December 14, 2009 regular Board meeting minutes. J. Fues moved and S. Freeman seconded to approve the amended minutes. All ayes. The motion carried.

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman seconded to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2009 as printed. All ayes. The motion carried.

Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments.

Accounts Payable

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman seconded to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$46,123.36 (checks 33071-33119 inclusive). All ayes. The motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

Payroll

Treasurer's Report (all funds)

Correspondence

Draft: 01/12/10

Approved: 02/08/10

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes. The motion carried.

7. **Working Agenda**
Hearing of Public

There were no public comments.

Department Reports

Fire Department

Township Fire Chief Lou Kirkbride read the Fire Department report out loud. There was 1 vehicle fire, 2 structure fires, 1 personal injury without extraction, 9 medical calls, 1 false alarm, 3 non fire, 1 mutual aid, 1 mutual aid received and 5 trainings for a total of 24 for the month of December. He briefly reported on projects the department has been working on.

Fire Administration and Safety Committee

There was no meeting.

Zoning Officer Report

Board members reviewed the Zoning Officer's December report regarding complaints. They discussed fencing at the communication tower and agreed the applicant is not in compliance with their special land use (SLU) permit. The Township will send a letter to the owners asking them to comply with the SLU or take down the tower.

Board members discussed removal of the old school at 12503 5 Mile Road and agreed to give the Supervisor permission to write or approve the writing of a citation in conjunction with a request for a court hearing in open court.

Safety Board of Appeals

There was no meeting.

Sewer Report

J. Rydbeck, Infrastructure Alternatives, provided copies of the December 2009 Grattan Township and Grattan/Vergennes sewer systems monthly operations report for Board members review. There was discussion about irrigation (without the old orchard) at the Grattan site this spring. J. Rydbeck said that will depend upon this winter's weather. J. Rydbeck explained wear and tear on pump mounts and the need for replacement of mounts in 4 of the 25 main pump stations in the very near future.

Planning Commission

F. Force gave a brief report on the recent Planning Commission meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals

There was no meeting.

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Building Department

There was 1 other permit, 3 electrical permits and 4 mechanical permits for a total of 8 in the month of December.

Unfinished Business

PDR Update

There was no update.

Budget Issues

There were no budget issues discussed.

New Business

Select Member Wetland Committee

F. Force moved and S. Freeman seconded to nominate Dee Hockemeyer for the opening on the Wetland Committee. All ayes. The motion carried.

Discuss Continuation of Senior Meals and North Kent Transit

J. Fues moved and F. Force seconded to approve Kent County Block Grant funds in the amount of \$5365.00 or the maximum allowable for North Kent Transit from July 2010 – July 2011. All ayes. The motion carried.

J. Fues moved and F. Force seconded to approve Kent County Block Grant funds in the amount of \$5007.00 or the maximum allowable for Senior Meals from July 2010 – July 2011. All ayes. The motion carried.

Township Hall Rental

F. Force said there was a request by Township employees to rent the Township hall for free or at a reduced rate. Board members agreed to discuss this matter when a full Board is in attendance. J. Fues said only Township residents are allowed to rent the Hall. He said not all Township employees are Township residents.

Improvement Grants for Seeley Creek Park

F. Force read a letter from Dianna Force, Parks and Recreation Committee member out loud. F. Force moved and J. Fues seconded to approve the Grattan Township Parks and Recreation Committee's request to apply for and submit grants for the development of Seeley Creek Park. All ayes. The motion carried.

Final Contract for Williams & Works

F. Force moved and J. Fues seconded to authorize the Sewer Administrator's signature on Williams and Works professional services agreement (including addendum). All ayes. The motion carried.

New PC Ordinance Created by the Zoning Enabling Act

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Approved: 02/08/10

F. Force reviewed proposed changes. J. Fues moved and S. Freeman seconded to approve the Planning Commission ordinance as presented. All ayes. The motion carried.

Final Version of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments

J. Fues moved and S. Freeman seconded to approve the amended Zoning Ordinance as presented. All ayes. The motion carried.

8. Board Member Communications

Meeting Dates

The second budget meeting will be held on January 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The alternative meeting date (as needed) is January 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting date is February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. School election date is February 23, 2010. MTA Education Conference dates are January 27, 28 and 29.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, F. Force declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jim Fues, Township Clerk

Date

Franklin J. Force, Township Supervisor

Date

Diane Timmons
Recording Secretary