

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP  
FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE SAFETY COMMITTEE  
JULY 27, 2005

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Vaughan at 1900 hrs followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: P. Knoerl, G. Burns, G. Goodspeed, K. Faasen, S. Vaughan and S. Miller recording secretary.

Members absent: none

GTFD monthly report by S. Vaughan.

Minutes from June 2005 were read by S. Miller and G. Burns made a motion to accept the minutes as presented second by K. Faasen. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Agenda- P. Knoerl made a motion to amend the agenda second by K. Faasen, adding Signage, Dream Isle Speed study, No parking sign at Bar, and a new recruit for the Fire Dept. All ayes. Amended agenda approved.

Hearing of the public- Members of the department were present and also Chief Lou Kirkbride. A representative from Alltronics presented a proposal, brochure, and information on phone/cable for the new station.

Old Business:

1. Fire Station project:
  - Septic: Suitable soil has not been found. There are several options however the FASC would like to contact Prein and Newhoff to see if the new station can be tied into the Town Hall.
  - Pressurized Hydrant with 8 inch well: A quote for an 8inch and a 10inch well presented to the FASC. \$45,000 for an 8inch at 170 feet deep.
  - Approval of drawings- the department reviewed the drawings and made some recommendations the Town board. The dept is waiting on the plumbing drawings.
  - Project schedule: Behind 45 days
  - Sale of existing Fire Station: There have been several inquiries about the existing station. P. Knoerl made a motion to place the building for sale, as is, and will accept sealed bids second by K. Faasen. All ayes. Motion accepted.
  - Landscape and design: K. Faasen made a motion to approve a maximum of \$500.00 to design landscaping for Grattan Centre. All ayes. Motion approved.
  - Signage: G. Burns presented designs and layouts from digital images for the signs about the doors of the new station. It is unknown who made the signs for the Town Hall. Gloria will use the dimensions from that sign and get prices using non-wood product and present a quote for the FASC as soon as it becomes available.
  - Speed Study: Shari was called by Kent County Sheriff Dept and spoke with Sgt. Sikkema who reported that he was willing to speed board on Dream Isle for a day

study on the vehicle speeds traveling on Dream isle on July 8, 2005. The study was done and Sgt. Sikkema reported to Shari for the FASC that 108 cars passed by the sign from 0700 to 1600 hrs and 7 vehicles exceeded the 41-45 mph. The study proved that the street is well with in the tolerance of the Kent County sheriffs dept. Sgt. Sikkema said he will do another study later.

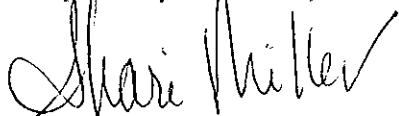
2. Home land security:
  - Grant status: nothing to report yet.
3. No parking at Grattan Bar- The Fire Dept. noted that people are still parking in the no parking zone on Old Belding Rd. which blocks the Dry Hydrant. Shari offered to make notices that can be placed on cars, by the Dept as public awareness. Chief Lou felt that the notices were a good idea and may help.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance for parking at Murray Lake and 5 mile: The landscaping at the site was designed to stop increased parking and boat access along 5 mile rd however it has not helped the situation. The Township has had an attorney prepare a draft of an ordinance to limit parking to 2 cars and no boat launching of any kind.
2. New Recruit: There has been an application made for a new member to GTFD. Matt Johnson is a former fire fighter from Algoma Township. His father is the Chief and Matt has 10yrs of experience. He has moved to Grattan and would like to extend his services to this community. Matt was unable to come to the meeting tonight .P. Knoerl motions to accept the application of Matt Johnson for approval of the Township Board. All ayes. Motion approved.

Next meeting: August 31,2005

Respectfully submitted,



Shari Miller, recording secretary