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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP  
Fire Administrative & Safety Committee  
August 31, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order**

Chairman, Steve Christians called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Steve Christians, Gloria Burns, Shari Miller, Ken Brandes, Mary Kay Groening, Paul Knoerl. Members Absent: Scott Vaughan

Also attending the meeting: Kim Christians Lou Kirkbride and Ryan Boyk, Paul Porandt Brandt and Ron DeLeeuw of the 7-mile road neighborhood road association.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Steve Christians requested to have item a. regarding 7-mile road speed limit under New Business to be placed under Hearing of the Public. Motion by Shari Miller to accept Agenda as amended and seconded by Ken Brandes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of June 29, 2011 Minutes**

Secretary, Mary Kay Groening asked if everyone had read the minutes. All members verified they had read them. Ken Brandes had noted one minor spelling correction. Gloria Burns motioned to accept minutes and Shari Miller seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**GTFD Report**

Ken Brandes read report from Grattan Fire Dept. and included the following information: fire dept is working on improving the timing for pump operation and water shuttle; the instructor coordinator classes have been completed; the PPA class was very large this year bringing in 43 attendees from all over Michigan; Medical First Responder class will run from 9/28 to 12/8 this year; a new 3000-gallon porta-tank has been ordered and the Ladies Aux. will be paying for it; on September 11<sup>th</sup> the Mel Trotter structure will be burned completely.

**Hearing of the Public**

Ron DeLeeuw a resident of 7-mile road on Slayton Lake spoke to the committee about the issues of street signage and speed limits. The concerns of the residents to get the

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speed limit reduced and signage made clearer to indicate the blind curves. He had many photos to show the area and problems of his discussion. Paul Knoerl suggested that he get his information copied so it can be forwarded to the proper individuals at the county and state levels for review. Mr. DeLeeuw suggested he will come to the township and work with Mary Kay Groening to get this done and Paul Knoerl will compose a letter to come from the Grattan Township Board to explain the issues of concern for these Grattan Township residents.

### **Old Business**

**ISO** – Lou Kirkbrided explained the rating and the desire to improve our rating to 7.

**Fund Raiser** – collections continue from the address signs and CPR classes

**Radio /Dispatch** – Jim Fues is working on Tower issues

**FEMA Grant** – deadline for this year is soon approaching, will file for Grant next year

**Township Conditions** – discussed street issues earlier

**Hire/Fire Command personnel** – mentioned it is a Township Board decision – copy of Employee Manual will be given to Steve Christians

### **New Business**

**Private Road Signage and Addresses:** Mary Kay Groening presented the issues of private roads in the township that are not signed, specifically the area of the Green Lake Resort where there are several cottages that are not easily identified if there were an emergency. She also read a letter she composed to present to the Green Lake Resort members alerting them of the issue that need to be addressed to identify their properties so emergency personnel will find them if the need arises. Paul Knoerl motioned to send the letter to the association members and Shari Miller seconded. All Ayes motion carried. Mary Kay Groening further suggested that Lou Kirkbride may want to attend the associations next meeting on September 17, 2011 to discuss the issues.

**Change of meeting dates policy:** Steve Christians made a brief statement of how he would handle issues of meeting date changes.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm**

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Kay Groening  
Secretary, FASC

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Date