

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2017

The Grand Rapids Township Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Fire Hall. Roll call was answered by Rita Foos, Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. There were nine guests present.

Rita Foos moved to approve the minutes and dispense with reading the minutes of the previous meeting as copies were made available to guests. 2nd by Tracy Punches. Roll Call YES: Rita Foos, Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$4,146.79 were presented for approval by the Fiscal Officer. Tracy Punches moved to pay all bills as presented. 2nd by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora, Rita Foos and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Richard Keifer reported fire runs 54-62.

Joe Garcia from GT Contracting, Inc. attended the meeting to go over the crack sealing estimate he submitted to the township and to explain the process. Rita Foos asked when they could start if they were awarded the work; Joe said they would work with the township to come up with a mutually acceptable date but could probably start next week. Al Garcia also spoke and stated that they only use ODOT approved materials.

Kate Edwards and Julia Athanas from Black Diamond Garden Centers and Lawn Service attended the meeting to inform the board that they would like to build a Medical Marijuana Facility and need zoning approval to proceed. They requested the trustees to sign a non-binding agreement saying that the trustees will consider this type of operation with-in the township. An attorney attended the meeting to explain the licensing process to the board. Tracy Punches brought up that they have had legal council but the board has not had any legal guidance on this issue. The board advised them to contact Zoning Inspector Cory Johnson.

There was a review on the bids received on the Benschoter Road project, Rita foos mentioned that she has not received one from Eric Palmer Excavating after contacting him several times. Tracy Punches asked if Topp Excavating, Inc. and Jim Palmer Excavating, Inc. fix problems with their work if needed. Tracy stated that Topp Ecavating, Inc. has worked for the township in the past and has not come back to fix problems with their work and that there is court documented evidence of the fact that Topp Excavating, Inc. does not warranty their work. He also stated that he would not want to spend township money on a company like this. It was decided to get additional estimates.

Rita Foos went over the crack sealing bids she received for crack sealing various township roads from GT Contracting, Inc. and Premier Patching. After a review and discussion on the estimates Rita Foos moved to have Premier Patching do crack sealing on Weston, Sycamore and Poe roads and County Line for approximately \$6,000 and to have GT Contracting, Inc. do the crack sealing on Long Judson road for \$19,800. 2nd by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Rita Foos, Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

The township received a letter from resident Lionel Long that expressed concerns about the quality of the mowing job that is being done on township roads.

Eric Flora went over an AFG Grant that the township can apply for to obtain funding for a new fire truck. Eric also went over the qualifications of Rudy Ruiz who writes grants and would like the township to contract with him to apply for this grant on the townships behalf for \$2,000. Rita Foos moved to contract Rudy Ruiz to apply for the AFG Grant on the township's behalf for \$2,000. 2nd by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora, Rita Foos and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Rita Foos moved to go into executive session to discuss employee issues. 2nd by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Rita Foos, Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried. Tract Punches moved to exit the executive session. 2nd by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora, Rita Foos and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

It was decided to invite Gary Haas to the next board meeting to discuss job issues with him.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

