

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

November 13, 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 Panches. There were ten guests present.

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

Bills in the amount of \$3,564.60 were presented for approval by the Fiscal Officer. Eric Flora moved to pay all bills as presented. 2nd by Rita Foos. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora, Rita Foos and Tracy Panches. Motion carried.

Richard Keifer reported fire runs 142-148.

Resident Loren Sautter attended the meeting and mentioned that he heard there was an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals and that he wanted to inform the board that he was interested in the position. Rita Foos spoke and said that this should be tabled until the beginning of the year to see if anyone else was interested in the position. Tracy Panches moved to appoint Loren Sautter to the Zoning Board of Appeals. 2nd by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora and Tracy Panches NO: Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Rita Foos informed the board that the only estimate she received for the repair of Pratt Lane was from Gerken Paving, Inc. for \$7,465. She also stated that she thought the estimate was too high and that she tried to get other estimates but was unsuccessful. Richard Keifer spoke on behalf of Gerken Paving, Inc. and informed the board that they will be shutting the plant down for the year in two weeks. Rita Foos stated again that she thought the estimate was too high and that we should come up with another plan to fix the road. Tracy Panches stated that we should get the road fixed now to prevent further damage in the winter if it is not properly fixed now. Rita stated that we should table this until we get another plan because she was worried that the work may not be able to be completed this year because of weather and had concerns about the township being reimbursed. Tracy Panches moved to have Gerken Paving, Inc. make the repair and to bill Hertzfeld Poultry Farms, Inc. for the cost of the repair. 2nd by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora and Tracy Panches NO: Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Rita Foos mentioned that she has stopped by the property on Milton road (who's fence is in the right of way) several times. She was unable to enter the property several times because the gate was closed. Once she found it open she left a note on their door for them to call her but she has not received a call. Tracy Panches stated that he thought this was a traffic issue and not a concern of the board. He also stated that our concern is drainage and that there is nothing in the zoning regulations to prevent the fence. Rita Foos mentioned that it is in the minutes that have been approved that she was going to talk to the property owner. Tracy Panches said that this is not a township issue but a traffic issue.

Terry Green attended the meeting and informed the board that the trees on Euler Road are down and presented the board with a list of other dead trees that he thought should come down. Rita Foos to get with Terry Green to mark the trees before the next meeting.

Terry Green also mentioned that we need new tires for the white truck. Tracy Panches agreed that it was time for new tires on the truck. Terry Green to get estimates.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

