

**GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**

December 21, 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 fifteen guests present.

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

Bills in the amount of \$20,829.05 were presented for approval by the Fiscal Officer. Tracy Punches moved to pay all bills as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita Foos. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora, Rita Foos and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Terry Green informed the board that he plowed snow on Saturday and put a new part on the snow blade and updated the board on his past activities. Terry also requested permission to purchase new extension cords and a tool box for the shop. Tracy Punches said that it was OK to purchase the extension cords and Rita Foos requested that the decision for the tool box be delayed until the next administration starts.

Rita Foos said that she contacted Westfield Insurance about the payment received from them for the Hertzfeld Farms road damage and that they said they did not pay the full amount because they took a deduction because the road was old. Tracy Punches said that we should bill the difference to Hertzfeld Farms. Rita Foos stated that she voted against the repair and does not feel comfortable sending them a bill. Eric Flora agreed that the township should not have pay for the difference in the repair and the amount the insurance company paid. Tracy Punches to contact the Wood County Prosecutor.

Cory Johnson entered the meeting and tendered his resignation as Zoning Inspector effective January 1. Rita Foos questioned Cory Johnson about the construction of a building in the township that is too close to the lot line and asked why there is not a site map with the zoning application indicating the set backs. Cory Johnson said that he had a gentleman's agreement with the homeowner that the building would be properly placed on the lot and that he had referred the home owner to our website for the proper setbacks. Cory stated that if does not have the proper set backs he will have to get a variance. Dave Chamberlain spoke and stated that with his time as a builder and as past zoning inspector a zoning permit should not have been issued without a site plan. He also stated that once the permit is issued it is too late to do anything. It was decided that Rita Foos and Cory Johnson would speak with the home owner.

Rita Foos asked Cory Johnson if there were any other permits issued without site plans. Cory Johnson answered that he didn't think so. Tracy Punches added that maybe more than one signature is needed on a zoning permit to prevent this from happening again. Rita Foos to go to the county to get a copy of the building permit.

Rita Foos moved to approve the 2018 Temporary Appropriations on file with the Fiscal Officer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Rita Foos, Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Rita Foos mentioned that the new board plans to have an Organizational meeting on January 1, 2018, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

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