

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

January 8, 2018

The Grand Rapids Township Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Fire Hall. Roll call was answered by David Chamberlain, Ike Topp and Rita Foos. There were thirteen guests present.

Rita Foos moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as copies were made available to guests. 2nd by David Chamberlain. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$2,653.80 were presented for approval by the Fiscal Officer. Rita Foos moved to pay all bills as presented. 2nd by David Chamberlain. Roll Call YES: David Chamberlain, Ike Topp and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Eric Flora gave a summary of recent fire department activity.

Terry Green attended the meeting and requested permission to attend the Township Association Winter Conference. Terry Green also requested permission to purchase a reece hitch for the truck and a tool box for the shop. Rita Foos stated that there is a nice tool box at Home Depot for less than \$500. After a short discussion it was agreed that he could purchase a reece hitch and a tool box for less than \$500. Terry Green also informed the board that he slid of the road on Pratt Lane and that Damascus Township helped to pull him out. Terry Green also informed the board that he would like to apply for the Zoning Inspector position and informed the board of his qualifications.

Rita Foos mentioned that the township has zoning board positions open and asked the board if they had anyone in mind. Dave Chamberlain said that he spoke with Joe Long and informed the board that Joe Long is interested in a position. Dave Chamberlain moved to appoint Joe Long as an alternate on the Zoning Commission. 2nd by Ike Topp. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

David Chamberlain stated that he was here when Mckenzie Keim spoke and applied for a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals and thought that she did a nice job. David Chamberlain moved to appoint Mckenzie Kiem as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. 2nd by Ike Topp. Roll Call YES: David Chamberlain, Ike Topp and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

After a review of the Fire Department Contracts for service to Damascus and Washington Township's it was agreed to renew the contract for three years with increases based on the CPI. Rita Foos moved to approve and sign the contracts. 2nd by Ike Topp. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

There was a review of Terry Greens' Workers Compensation Claim and it was decided for the township to pay the claim and not turn it in to Workers Compensation if the total cost of the claim was less than \$2,000.

Rita Foos mentioned that the Lawson's have requested a waiver of the variance fee for the building being constructed on their property and that she spoke with the Prosecuting Attorney and was advised that we should not waive the fee but charge them at a reduced rate of \$301. David Chamberlain said that we should follow the legal advice. David Chamberlain moved to charge them a fee of \$301 for the variance. 2nd by Rita Foos. Roll Call YES: David Chamberlain, Ike Topp and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Rita Foos brought up Brian Hoffmans' request for a refund of his variance fee from 2016. She informed the board that she has obtained copies of the file and is going to give them to Linda Holmes for review.

After reviewing quotes for the annual service of the cemetery mower it was decided to have McCabe Outdoor Service do the work because they will do the service for less, they are local, they will pick up and deliver the mower for \$60 and provide us with a loner if the mower breaks down during the year.

Rita Foos brought up the sink hole on Weston Road that is developing in Washington Township that is washing the road out on our side of the road. She said that Washington Township is in the process of contacting the property owners. Ike Topp to inspect the road.

Rita Foos mentioned that water is accumulating on Pratt Lane in front of the Studer property and needs to be addressed. Ike Topp to inspect the road. Dave Chamberlain is going to speak with the property owner.

Ike Topp informed the board that there was a burial in the cemetery this week and that everything went well.

David Chamberlain informed the board that he is going to attend a meeting if the Wood County Committee of Aging to discuss possible satellite sites for the agency to serve the community. David Chamberlain requested and was granted permission to give them the Townships Board of Trustees verbal support.

David Chamberlain moved to adjourn. 2nd by Rita Foos. The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer
