

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

January 22, 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 ten 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 \$25,440.40 were presented for approval by the Fiscal Officer. Rita Foos moved to pay all bills as presented. 2nd by Ike Topp. Roll Call YES: David Chamberlain, Ike Topp and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Joe Schroeder of Miller Insurance attended the meeting to go over the township’s insurance policy with OTARMA.

Rita Foos asked Richard Keifer if the Marcs radios were in service. He said they were not yet working, Robert Clark explained that the fire department is working on the issue.

Rita Foos asked the Board if they had enough information to act on Brian Hoffman’s request of a refund of his zoning fees. David Chamberlain spoke and stated that he did not believe the Board of Appeals did anything wrong and that we should not refund the application fee. Rita Foos said that she spoke with Linda Holmes and was advised that we should not set a precedent by refunding the fee. It was decided not to refund the variance fee.

Rita Foos asked Robert Clark if the Zoning Board of Appeals received the variance fee from the Lawson’s for their upcoming appeal. Robert Clark said they have not received the fee. Rita Foos asked him how the board plans to proceed if the fee is not received. David Chamberlain spoke and said that he believes they are disregarding the zoning process and that we should turn the matter over to the Prosecuting Attorney.

David Chamberlain mentioned that he attended the WCCOA meeting to discuss possible satellite sites within the county and that they are considering the Lutheran Church for a site in our township.

Rita Foos brought up zoning issues in the township and stated that Loren Sautter is building a pole barn and has not obtained a permit. David Chamberlain said that he has spoken with Loren Sautter and asked him to follow the zoning rules and process and also stated that the zoning rules need to be updated. Loren Sautter spoke and said that he had been working with prior zoning Inspector Cory Johnson and that he had the go ahead to start the building without a permit because the building is for agriculture. Rita Foos said that she will talk to Linda Holmes to find out what constitutes an agricultural building.

There was a discussion on the Lucas Scott property on Rt. 6 where he plans install a manufactured home. It was decided to send Lucas Scott a letter instructing him to remove the manufactured home.

Rita Foos Moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. 2nd by David Chamberlain. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Back in session.

Rita Foos moved to hire Tom Hall as the township’s Zoning Inspector. 2nd by Ike Topp. Roll Call YES: David Chamberlain, Ike Topp and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

After reviewing the inventory Rita Foos moved to approve it and submit it to the county. 2nd by David Chamberlain. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

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

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

