

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

February 26, 2018

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

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

Bills in the amount of \$9,676.67 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.

Zoning Inspector Tom Hall spoke to the board and told them that he appreciates being involved in the Township’s zoning and that he plans on addressing the current zoning issues that the Township has and hopefully will prevent them from happening in the future.

Rita Foos asked the board if they had a chance to look at the Weston Road culvert that is not functioning properly and asked if the board should send a letter to the property owner. Davis Chamberlain said that he thought the letter should come from Washington Township since the property is in their township. David Chamberlain to contact Washington Township.

There was a short discussion on the drainage issues on Pratt Lane. David Chamberlain and Ike Topp to meet with the property owner to discuss possible solutions.

Rita Foos said she spoke with Linda Holmes about the Lawson zoning issue and that Linda Holmes wanted to know how the township wanted to proceed. David Chamberlain spoke and said that he believes making them move the building would be extreme under the circumstances. David Chamberlain said that he thought possibly a fine and to make them get a variance would be fair. Tom Hall spoke and said that consideration should be made of the fact that they disregarded the zoning process and ignored the stop work order. Rita Foos to speak with the Prosecuting Attorney about options for a fine and any other suggestions on how to proceed.

Rita Foos mentioned that we have not received anything back from the certified letter sent to Lucas Scott.

After a short discussion on the township’s list of charges David Chamberlain moved to raise all fire department charges 2.5%. 2nd by Ike Topp. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Ike Topp showed the board the 48” cones and yellow safety chain that he would like to purchase for the cemetery and explained how he wanted to use the items on open graves. It was decided to purchase 4 48” cones and 50’ of safety chain.

David Chamberlain mentioned that he was going to meet with Eric Evans at his property to discuss what trees the township is responsible for and which trees he is responsible for.

Rita Foos mentioned that she spoke with Linda Holmes about having a training meeting for the zoning boards. After discussing possible dates with the board and zoning board members present it was decided to try and have the meeting on March 13th or 15th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

