

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2018

The Grand Rapids Township Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Township Fire Hall. David Chamberlain, Ike Topp and Rita Foos answered roll call. There were nine 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 \$3,216.06 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.

Robert Clark asked if the zoning rules have been updated. Rita Foos answered him and explained that they had not yet been changed because the board has a few items that they would like the zoning boards to address.

Fire chief Eric Flora reported fire department activity to the board and informed them that Providence Township would like to enter into an Automatic Aide Agreement with the Township. Eric Flora was asked why the department did not respond to a recent fire in Providence Township, Eric Flora said that it was dispatching error and reported that the Fire Department and Providence Township Fire Department are working well together. Eric Flora also updated the board on the Ambulance District activity and reported that the district recently received a \$5,000.00 equipment grant.

After a short discussion it was decided to purchase a key code lock for the Fiscal Officer's office from BG Lock.

Rita Foos mentioned that at recent county meetings she learned that we must pass a resolution every year for our meeting times. Rita Foos moved to have the meetings as follows: The second Monday of the month at 7 P.M., the fourth Monday at 7 A.M. 2nd by Ike Topp. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Ike Topp informed the board that he can't make the April 23rd meeting at 7 A.M. meeting but he could be here at 7 P.M., it was decided to move the April 23rd meeting to 7:30 P.M.

There was a short discussion on road projects, Dave Chamberlain said that he would like to get estimates for crack sealing on Milton Road (from Kellogg to Poe) and Wintergreen Road.

The board discussed and agreed on a schedule for the trustees to inspect township roads until a road supervisor is hired.

After a short discussion it was decided to invite the zoning boards to the next meeting to go over areas of the zoning code that the board would like them to address.

David Chamberlain said that Crozier Body Shop has ordered a fender for the truck and will contact him when it comes in to schedule the repair.

Ike Topp informed the Board that he was contacted by the Hoffman's about their zoning appeal and that they would like the fees refunded because of errors that were made at the meeting. Ike Topp said the he reviewed the errors that were made in a letter he received from the Hoffman's and believes that we should refund their fees. Robert Clark spoke and stated that they actually applied for a variance for two properties and only paid for one. After discussing the issue Ike Topp moved to refund the Hoffman's their fee for the variance. 2nd by Rita Foos. Roll Call: David Chamberlain: NO, Ike Topp: YES, Rita Foos YES. Motion carried.

Ike Topp brought up the fact that the township does not have a weekend fee for cremation openings on weekends and proposed that we should charge \$145.00 for cremation openings on weekend/holidays. Ike Topp moved to charge \$145.00 for cremation openings on weekends/holidays. 2nd by Dave Chamberlain. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

David Chamberlain informed the board that he was going to take the townships inventory sheet and go through the township garage to make sure that we have everything on the list.

Rita Foos said that she was contacted by Brent Bomer for Eagle Scout projects. There was a discussion on possible projects and it was decided to inform Brent Bomer if any Eagle Scout would like to do a project they should prepare a presentation to the board for approval.

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

Back in session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer
