

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 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 seven 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 \$43,446.73 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.

Fire chief Eric Flora reported fire department activity to the board and informed them that the fire extinguishers and air bottles have been tested and serviced.

Rita Foos brought up the hold harmless agreement that the fire department has for its members when they use the building and asked the board if they would be in agreement of fire chief Eric Flora being able to approve it without bringing it to the board. It was agreed to give Eric Flora the authority.

There was a short discussion on not having a service contract with Damascus Township for fire protection. Fire chief Eric Flora spoke and said that he felt it was ok to proceed with mutual aid with them because they also help us on fires in our Township.

Rita Foos moved to approve the Townships' Annual Appropriations. 2nd by David Chamberlain. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Dave Chamberlain mentioned that the tile under Weston Road has been repaired and that Washington Township would like the Township to share in the cost of the repair with them and the property owner. After a short discussion the board agreed that the Township should not have to pay for the repair since it was a private tile.

Ike Topp and David Chamberlain said that they met with Lee Studer about the drainage issues on his road and that Lee agreed that something needs to be done. There was a discussion about contacting some contractors to get some ideas and estimates to correct the problems. Ike Topp stated that we should come up with a scope of work to be done so that the contractors are giving estimates on the same thing.

David Chamberlain mentioned that the trash pump has been repaired and that he is going to meet with Dale McDougale to get an estimate on removing a large cottonwood tree on Poe Road. David also mentioned that Terry Green said that there were now chain saw chaps in the township building.

Ike Topp presented the cemetery pricing changes that he thought the Township should make to our list of charges. David Chamberlain spoke and said that he would also like to have a premium on repair work done by the Township after hours and on weekends to serve as an incentive for residents to properly maintain their property and remove dead trees that are in danger of falling. After a general discussion Ike Topp moved to increase the charges for repair work done by the Township by 2.5%, to make the following cemetery price changes:

4 Grave lot w/footer	resident	\$721.37
	non-resident	1,125.00
4 Grave lot	non-resident	850.00
Opening of grave		440.00
Opening of grave	weekend/holiday	590.00
Opening of grave	infant	175.00
Opening of grave	infant weekend/holiday	196.25
Reopening of grave		641.42
Foundations installed		17.50 per cubic foot

and to charge 150% of charges for repair work done by the Township after hours (6P.M.) and on holidays and weekends. 2nd by Rita Foos. Roll Call YES: David Chamberlain, Ike Topp and Rita Foos. Motion carried

Rita Foos mentioned that a Zoning training meeting will take place tomorrow in the fire station at 7 P.M.

Ike Topp mentioned that the grave marking cones and safety chains have been received.

Rita Foos said that there is an opening on the Township Board of Appeals and that she spoke with Gretchen Somnerfield and that she would like to serve on the board. David Chamberlain moved to appoint Gretchen Somnerfield to the Zoning Board of Appeals. 2nd by Ike Topp. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Rita Foos mentioned that at times the Trustees need to get into the Fiscal Officers' office and it would be nice if there was a lock with a key code on it that they could use to enter the office then be changed to keep the records in the office secure. It was decided to get estimates for a lock.

Ike Topp mentioned that he won't be able to make the April 23 meeting if it is held at 7 A.M. but that he could attend if it is changed to 7 P.M.

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

Back in session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer
