

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 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.

The Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$3,162.44 for approval. 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 reported fourteen runs by the department and told the board that the department has applied for an AFG grant to purchase a new fire truck. Eric flora also reported that the new turn-out gear washing machine has been installed and is operational.

Rita Foos reported that she has not heard anything on the eagle scout project and that she has not heard back from the county engineer about Milton Road. Rita Foos also said that she contacted Morlock Asphalt and they will honor the quote they gave us next spring and that we are on their schedule.

Ike Topp informed the board that he and Tim Van Dusen poured foundations in the cemetery and that he inspected the head stones falling into Beaver Creek. Ike Topp thought that he and Tim Van Dusen could move the head stones themselves but he would like the board to come to an agreement on where to relocate them. Ike Topp suggested potters field, this was agreed on by the board. Ike Topp also said that he and Tim Van Dusen were going to start leveling crooked head stones in the cemetery.

David Chamberlain said that he talked to Gene Mazy about a large elm tree on Poe Road that needs to be removed and that Gene Mazey has agreed to clean up the tree if the township will cut it down. David Chamberlain thought the he and Tim Van Dusen could cut the tree down.

Mike Lawson spoke in regards to the fence permit for his property on file at the county that was referred to in a letter he claimed that they received just a few hours earlier today(Columbus Day – no mail delivery) from Linda Holmes about their building permit and fence and claimed that some one at the county added information to the permit after he had signed it because it was not his hand writing. In the letter from Lind Holmes they were informed that she told the township to stick with her original advise to accept \$150 for the variance for their new building under the condition that they move their fence gate by November 15, 2018 instead of October 15, 2018. Lee Ann Lawson spoke and said that we were supposed to discuss this issue at the last meeting but they were unable to attend because of a sick child and wanted to know why they received this letter. Mike Lawson said that he wants the deadline moved to the spring so he has time to plan out exactly where he wants to put the new gate. Ike Topp said that the letter was based on previous discussions and should have been sent to them at an earlier date. Ike Topp tried to explain the townships position on the issue in regards to the hazards of parking on the road to open the gate. Ike Topp was interrupted several times and was unable to explain the townships position even after requesting the Lawson’s to please let him finish. The Lawson’s claimed that the fence has been in place for years and the neighbors don’t have a problem with it. Ike Topp stated that it does not matter what the neighbors think. Rita Foos said that as far is she is concerned we should be done discussing this and stick with the advise from Linda Holmes, and that if the Lawson’s have a problem with the county and the permit that they need to take it up with them. Mike Lawson claimed that he thought the township should help pay to move the gate. David Camberlain said that would not happen. David Chamberlain moved to stick with Linda Holmes recommendation and keep the deadline for moving the fence at November 15, 2018. 2nd by Rita Foos. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried. Le Ann Lawson claimed “ this is f _king bull ___”, Mike Lawson told the board that they could kiss Linda Holmes’s __ss. The Lawson’s then stomped out of the meeting while throwing child – like temper tantrums.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

