

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

July 13, 2020

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

Rita Foos moved to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes, as copies were 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 \$5,607.31 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 17 runs by the department last month and informed the Board that everything is going good and that there are no Covid-19 cases that he knows of.

Dave Chamberlain spoke in regards to the drainage of a ditch on Long Judson Road; the ditch is currently not draining properly and retaining water. Dave said that the County Engineers office was contacted and it was determined that a culvert on Robert Smigelskis' property is 10 to 12 inches too high. Lionel Long attended the meeting and explained that he wanted to have the ditch cleaned and had concerns about the ditch retaining water. Lionel provided pictures showing standing water in the ditch. Robert Smigelski said he is fine with the way the ditch is now and is concerned what will happen if the ditch is cleaned and stated that he does not want water running over his driveway. David Chamberlain informed Robert that it is his tile that is too high and that it will have to be set to proper grade when the ditch is cleaned. Lionel Long said that he wants the ditch cleaned because it is restricting the flow of water from field tile. Robert Smigelski said that he didn't think it was right that he has to lower his tile and asked if he was being told that he had to lower his tile. David Chamberlain said that he is being told that he has to move his tile. Joe Long asked if they could have the ditch cleaned up to Robert Smigelskis' property and see if the problem still exists. Ike Topp asked if this is the County's jurisdiction; David Chamberlain said that it was. A representative from the County Engineers office said that they did do a survey of the ditch and that it was determined that Smigelskis' tile is too high and that landowners are responsible for their driveways and any tile that may be under them. Rita Foos stated that there is nothing that the Trustees can do about this and that it needs to be worked out with the County Engineers office. Lionel and Joe Long agreed to clean the ditch up to Robert Smigelskis' driveway (with Roberts's permission) and then wait to see how it drains in the spring.

Zeb Hites attended the meeting to meet the Trustees and inform them that he has purchased property on Sycamore Road that he wants to build on and that he had previously submitted a check that has cleared the bank for a zoning variance. Zeb also requested a copy of the Townships zoning map.

Rita Foos moved to approve the Estimate of Revenues. 2nd by David Chamberlain. Roll Call YES: Ike Topp, David Chamberlain and Rita Foos. Motion carried.

Rita Foos informed the Board that Robert Clark has resigned his position on the Zoning Board of Appeals effective July 13, 2020.

Lionel Long asked the Board what they were doing about junk cars in the Township and said that there is five of them on Long Judson Road. Rita Foos said that there is not much that the Township can do according to state laws.

Zeb Hite asked if he needed a permit from the Township to install a driveway. Rita Foos informed him that he files for a permit with the Township and that the County has to approve the size of the tile.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

