

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

Meeting was call to order by Todd Torrey, Supervisor at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL – Present T. Torrey, V. Jennett, J. Emry, L. Hayes Excused: A. Burgess

AGENDA for the August Meeting was reviewed – Motion by l . Hayes and Second by t. Torrey APPROVED

COUNTY COMISSIONERS: No one present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: V. Jennett made motion to accept the meeting minutes for the August 2023 meeting – seconded by J. Emry – All approved

TREASURERS REPORT - Report was given by V. Jennett, Treasurer and seconded by L. Hayes – All approved

ALL BILLS DUE AND PAYABLE – J. Emry reported the Bills that had been paid for the previous month. J. Emry made motion to approve and L. Hayes seconded – All approved

FIRECHIEF RERORT – J. Brink reported that the Festival went very well. We received a \$10,000 GRANT and will purchase new helmets and thermal imagers. Fire department has an AED and would like to know if ok to hang in Township Hall – just need to provide location. The State Firemen’s Memorial is this weekend and they will be honoring Al Emry and his name will be added to the wall that is at Roscommon. See report for other topics. L. Hayes made motion to accept report and T. Torrey seconded All in favor

PLANNING COMMISION REPORT – L. Hayes gave updated report regarding the August meeting. Question arises can the public call the Township Attorney to ask questions? It was explained that only the Board Members can reach out to our Attorney. If the public has any concerns please do let one of the board members be aware and will address appropriately. T. Torrey made motion and seconded by V. Jennett – All in favor

ZONING ADMINSTRATORS REPORT: H. Burgess asked if there was any question regarding his report that was provided? Harry shared changes that will affect the tower that will be placed at the community building property regarding height of tower. Motion made to accept by V. Jennett and seconded by H. Hayes – all in favor

BLIGHT ORDIANANCE REPORT: N. Andresen asked if there are any concerns regarding his report. All in favor to pursue L. Hayes made motion to accept Blight Report and V. Jennett seconded – all in favor

CORRESPONDENCE TO REPORT

T. Torrey shared that we will all be receiving a letter regarding the MacMullen Drain – More to come

PUBLIC COMMENTS – First

Susan Decelle – asked if there was an update on Floyd Lake – She shared she was not in favor of the spraying for weeds. T. Torrey shared that there was nothing more heard back to the township.

Paul Decelle also commented that yes they do have a weed problem but like to see another means to get rid of the weeds. It was shared that it was Preferred that nothing invasive to be used.

Arik Monasterski shared that we the Township Board was being bias and that he was constantly being harassed regarding the blight within his property. Was shared that other will be following suit but he has been non-compliant for many years and had already been to court regarding and has a standing order regarding being compliant.

Debra Hawley – asked about an ordinance within Grant Township for Air BNB rentals – at this time nothing has been addressed. This will need to take to the Planning Commission to see what can be created. There are lots of parties / loud noise going on at various places that are renting them out for Air BNB. She also agrees with the previous comments regarding the spraying of Floyd Lake.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Building at Cemetery – Did not receive any other bids and was posted in the newspaper. T. Torrey made motion and L. Hayes seconded to move forward with the building with the quote we received.

Update of writing tickets for Blight – V. Jennett reported that she reached out to the Sherriff and he will be getting back with us. V. Jennett shared that the Sherriff department handles the process for Tawas Township and charges \$60.00 an hour. We be looking more into this on the go ahead from the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Gypsy Moth Spraying: T. Torrey reported that we have not heard any complaints and feels that we have resolved the problem. We still have a four year mil for this to be paid from Property taxes. Due to the cost we will continue to collect and roll all left over moneys into a Line item in our budget to assure for any further needs to spray for Gypsy Moth.

Road Projects: Shared

Consolidation of Tire Recycling – V. Jennett made a motion and J. Emry seconded all approved to move forward with a consolidation process for losco.

Medium Size Trash Cans – will get a price and see what the minimum order needs to be so we can place an order for more of the medium size cans.

Change of November Meeting – Due to the election we would like to move the Township Meeting to the 13th of November V. Jennett made motion and L. Hayes seconded to move – All in favor

Seal Coating the back parking lot – T. Torrey received a quote regarding the parking lot to be resealed – it has been many years since done. T. Torrey made motion and L. Hayes seconded to move forward with the quote we have received. All in favor

Planning Commission – A. Brink has asked to be released from the Planning Commission board and T. Torrey would like to appoint F. Jennett. L. Hayes motion to approve and V. jennet seconded – all in favor

TOPICS THAT WERE NOT ON THE AGENDA

J. Emry asked if it was true that M. Ward had a key to the compost site. T. Torrey answered and stated he provided him with it since he does a lot of the leave cleanup within our Township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (second)

Richard Jones – Asked if it was true that the township board gave raises. T. Torrey answer that yes we did and it was not just the Township Board it was all areas within the Township. Increases were also given to the Deputy's, DPW Workers, Compost Manager, Zoning Administrator, Blight Administrator, Cemetery Management, Fire Department for meetings, Maintenance and lawn Care, Meeting pay also went up for all areas, Election Workers, Assessor. It was felt that due to the increase within our economy that we needed to stay in line with all areas. It was also shared that A. Burgess reached out to other townships that were close within our size and we were receiving less pay than those townships. The board took into consideration that we also have a fire department, compost site, road side garbage, and a Township Cemetery that those other townships do not have. Please note that the meeting was posted on the website, the electronic sign in from out the township hall as well as on the bulletin board where all notifications are posted for review.

Richard Jones – also asked about the Website – there needs to be further discussion amongst the board regarding moving forward.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion by T. Torrey and seconded by L. Hayes 7:10pm