

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2016

The Grand Rapids Township Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Fire Hall. Roll call was answered by Rita Foos, Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. There were six guests present.

Eric Flora moved to approve the minutes and dispense with reading the minutes of the previous meeting as copies were made available to guests. 2nd by Rita Foos. Roll Call YES: Rita Foos, Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$3,530.89 were presented for approval by the Fiscal Officer. Tracy Punches moved to pay all bills as presented. 2nd by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora, Rita Foos and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Robert Clark reported fire runs 9-13.

Tom Sorosiak attended the meeting to update the board on the Zoning Commission. He mentioned that the township should consider revising some of the zoning fees and add a fee for requesting a Zoning Commission hearing. He stated that the commission is going to have a meeting and make a recommendation to the board. Rita Foos asked him if the commission discussed the residency requirement for the zoning inspector. Tom Sorosiak informed the board that it was considered when the zoning code was revised and that Cory Johnson was "Grandfathered" since he was the zoning inspector at the time of the revision.

Gary Haas attended the meeting and informed the board that Tim Obermyer was going to help him remove trees from the cemetery.

After a short discussion on the dura patcher, Tracy Punches moved to have the dura patcher serviced for \$900 if the other Township's agree with the service. 2nd by Rita Foos. Roll Call YES: Rita Foos, Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion on installing drainage in the cemetery. Tracy Punches to meet with Gary Haas to measure and mark the cemetery so we can get an estimate on the work

Rita Foos mentioned that the Health Department sent a letter to the property owner's on Rt. 6 giving the 21 days to correct the issue.

Rita Foos mentioned that she prepared a letter to send to property owners in the township that have tree branches in the right of way blocking the view from intersections. Tracy stated that if trees or branches are in the right of way the township has the right to remove them. Gary Haas mentioned that he did not want to get in an argument with property owners. It was decided that Gary Haas would stop and talk to the home owners.

Rita Foos presented a couple of estimates to fix the drainage on Pratt Lane:

Eric Palmer Excavating	\$4,114
John Topp Excavating	\$3,200

- Topp's estimate did not include stone or hauling away debris.

It was decided to wait on making a decision until the township had additional work.

Eric Flora mentioned that he was contacted by the Farmers & Merchant State Bank and informed that we had to update our signature card at the Waterville branch.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

