

**GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**

October 9, 2017

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 twelve guests present.

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

Bills in the amount of \$5,570.57 were presented for approval by the Fiscal Officer. Tracy Punches moved to pay all bills as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita Foos. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora, Rita Foos and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Richard Keifer reported fire runs 126, 128-132.

State Representative Theresa Gavarone attended the meeting to introduce herself and explain recent legislation on law enforcement communication with individuals who have communication disabilities.

Since rental of the fire hall was discussed last meeting, Ken Knaggs informed the board that the American Legion rents its hall to non-members for \$425.

Three member from Otsego government class introduced themselves and attended the meeting as part of a class assignment.

Terry Green attended the meeting and informed the board that the oil pan on the dump truck was leaking and that he could fix it himself if he could purchase the part which will cost approximately \$800. He also mentioned that there are some dead ash trees along Euler road that need to come down. The Trustees will inspect the trees and determine how to proceed. Rita Foos mentioned that there is also a dead oak tree at the corner of Custar and Poe.

Terry Green also requested and was granted permission to purchase some minor tools and equipment for the shop.

Rita Foos mentioned that the property on the corner of Kellogg and Milton Road has a fence in the right of way and that she has received complaints from residents because they have to park in the road in order to open the gate to enter the property. Zoning board member Randy Bachman stated that the fence was installed prior to the zoning rules being changed. Tracy Punches stated that he didn't think it was an issue as long as the property owner is maintaining the fence and the township does not need access to the right of way. Rita Foos stated that she thought we should address the issue since the fence appears to be in the right of way. Eric Flora agreed that there is an issue with the fence being in the right of way but there are other more dangerous things in the townships right of ways that need the townships consideration.

Rita Foos asked Terry Green if he plans to mow the backsides of ditches as crops are being removed. Terry said that he plans to and has already started.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

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