

REGULAR MEETING
GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD
December 8, 2020

Regular meeting of the Grant Township Board called to order by Supervisor Dysinger. Board members present: Dysinger, Teall, Shea, Bell, Kunse. 6 guests present. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Agenda. Motion to approve agenda with changes made by Marge Bell, supported by Tammy Shea. Yeas; all present.

Minutes. Motion to approve November 10, 2020 minutes by Tammy Shea, supported by Supervisor Dan Dysinger. Yeas; all present.

Treasurer report. Motion to approve Treasurer report made by Tammy Teall, supported by Supervisor Dan Dysinger. Yeas; all present. Tammy Shea reported that she has received around 40 calls and 50 messages from residents, some in tears or angry over the tax increase, mostly from the Little Tobacco Drain Assessment. The City of Clare, Grant Township and Clare County received 70% of the drain assessment with approximately 1200 acres and Isabella County received 30% of assessment with about 5700 acres

Assessor. Supervisor Dan Dysinger gave a report. The Board of Review will meet on December 15 at 4PM. The BOR have a couple of corrections to make and a Poverty Exemption to review and approve. The BOR will review and set the calendar dates for the March BOR spring meeting schedule. These dates closely follow statutes in the GPA. The Board will also consider any training this winter. Tom Kunse asked if the BOR dates are posted in the paper? Supervisor Dan Dysinger responded, "We are not required to post Board of Review for July and December in the paper, I post them on the hall door two weeks prior", he suggested we add them to the website. Supervisor Dan Dysinger further explained that he screens poverty exempt applications and that the BOR re-screens the applications. Tammy Shea went on to inform the board that she receives calls from residents, and she works out payments and guides them to receive winter deferment through the county. Shea added, "I don't mind getting phone calls, it just breaks my heart and I direct them to get help. Sad, they miss these meetings."

Road Commission report. Supervisor Dan Dysinger presented the board with a revised Road Plan for 2021 through 2023. He also informed the board the drain office has bridge projects, the bridge on Eberhart Avenue south of Clarabella, the township was going to pave but waiting for road projects and drain projects to be completed first. Tammy Shea reported a complaint about Helen Street, not well maintained, Supervisor Dan Dysinger says there is a change in management. Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director, and handling complaints are Dave Bondie, Superintendent and Road Maintenance Foremen, Brian Coon and Greg Hilyard. Marge Bell thanked Andy Nevill for maintaining Eberhart Avenue between Beaverton Road and Surrey Road. Board members also discussed the condition of Eberhart Avenue between Colonville Road and Surrey Road, bad potholes. The township has budgeted \$40,000 for next year for spot gravel on Eberhart Avenue.

County Commissioner. No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Tom Kunse indicated we discussed the campaign signs issue at the last meeting. Supervisor Dan Dysinger welcomed Trustee Tom Kunse to the board.

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Clerk, Tammy Teall, asked the board to move \$5,000 from account 941 (Contingency) to account 191 (Election). Motion to approve Budget Revisions for 2020-2021 budget made by Tom Kunse, supported by Tammy Shea. Yeas; All present.
- b. Motion to appoint Regular Board Members Kent Randall, Ken Forfinski and Patricia Longstreth for Board of Review in Grant Township, appointments effective January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 made by Marge Bell, supported by Tammy Teall. Yeas; all present. Motion to appoint Alternate Board Members Karl Randall and Irina Brusseau for Board of Review in Grant Township, appointments effective January

1. 2021 to December 31, 2022 made by Supervisor Dan Dysinger, supported by Tammy Shea. Yeas; all present.

- c. Motion to approve Resolution 2020-16 Poverty Exemption for 2021 made by Tammy Teall, supported by Tammy Shea. Roll call vote; Kunse yes, Bell yes, Shea yes, Teall yes, Dysinger yes.
- d. Supervisor Dan Dysinger shared information about MTA classes offered to board members with new board member Tom Kunse.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Chris Russo asked the board how residents can put up a sawmill anywhere in Grant Township? Supervisor Dan Dysinger said residents of the township want no zoning and regulatory environment in the township. He told Mr. Russo to bring a petition to the board with 150 signatures. Mr. Russo also had concern about hunting on the corner of Beaverton Rd and Old 27, unsafe. The board informed Mr. Russo if people are breaking the law then he will need to call the police, either the DNR or the Clare County Sheriff Department. The resident was still upset and wanted resolution. Tom Kunse further explained that this matter was not a Grant Township Board problem.

The following bills were submitted for approval.

EFT	EFTPS	\$1,443.12	16134	BLUE FLAME PROPANE	\$109.45
16119	LISA RUDLEDGE	\$150.00	16135	CHARTER COMM	\$152.21
16120	ASHLEY WILKES	\$150.00	16136	CCRC	\$72,340.73
16121	NORTHERN MI ASSESSING PLC	\$225.00	16137	CLARE COUNTY TREAS	\$1,808.03
16122	DAN DYSINGER JR	\$1,204.54	16138	CONSUMER ENERGY	\$17.98
16123	TAMMY TEALL	\$1,203.13	16139	FAHEY, SCHULTZ, BU	\$112.50
16124	TAMMY SHEA	\$1,093.90	16140	FIRST OFFICE CHOICE	\$99.68
16125	MARGERY BELL	\$223.69	16141	DAN DYSINGER JR	\$2,513.93
16126	RICHARD ZINSER	\$209.19	EFT	EFTPS	\$376.74
16127	JOHN LAKE	\$191.97	16142	BRUCE WENTWORTH	\$155.46
16128	JOHN URQUHART	\$474.44	16143	BARRY VANBUSKIRK	\$415.57
16129	LEANN SMITH	\$81.12	16144	BARRY VANBUSKIRK	\$1,657.16
16130	WILLIAM BELL JR	\$1,223.95	16145	ISABELLA CO INSP	\$45.00
16131	NORTHERN MI ASSESSING PLC	\$3,200.00	16146	LAVOYE'S SNOWPLOW	\$75.00
16132	ACE HARDWARE	\$122.44	16147	DAN DYSINGER JR	\$174.19
16133	A T & T	\$84.82	16148	FIRST OFFICE CHOICE	\$43.51

Motion to pay bills made by Tom Kunse, supported by Supervisor Dan Dysinger. Yeas; all present.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Dan Dysinger, supported by Tammy Teall. Next regular meeting of the Grant Township Board will be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 7:00PM at the Grant Township Hall.

Submitted by,

Tammy D. Teall
Grant Township Clerk