

Grant Township Monthly Board Meeting

August 14, 2018

The Grant Township monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Supervisor Archambo. Present were: Supervisor Archambo, Clerk Ossewaarde, Treasurer Vallance, Trustee Kallio and Trustee Boyd . 10 general public members were in attendance.

The pledge was recited by all.

Additions to the Agenda: to include into the New Business section: Diane Heythaler's resignation from constable position and discussion of replacement

Motion by Treasurer Vallance , supported by Trustee Kallio to approve tonight's agenda with addition. All approved, motion carried.

Motion by Treasurer Vallance, supported by Trustee Boyd, to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting for July 10, 2018, as written. All approved, motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

The August 7 Primary Election went well, over 280 ballots were cast; with about a third of those ballots being absentee ballots.

Treasurer's Report:

Municipal Money Market cash on hand as of 6/30/18 was: \$84,401.00. July deposits were: \$14,545.66; and with a transfer to Checking of \$26,665.00; with a balance on hand as of 7/31/18 of \$72,281.66.

General Fund Checking cash on hand as of 6/30/18 was \$2.67. June interest was \$0.33. June deposits were \$26,665.33. June disbursements were \$26,656.73, for a balance on hand as of 7/31/2018 of \$11.27.

Municipal Money Market worth as of 7/31/18 was \$72,281.66, General Fund Checking worth was \$11.27, and investments on Deposit was \$162,677.74; for a total net worth of \$234,970.67, which is more than \$18,000 more than the total worth in July 2017.

Motion by Trustee Boyd and supported by Trustee Kallio to approve the Treasurer's report as read. All approved, motion carried.

Speakers:

County Commissioner, Roberta Matelski, gave a report on the County Commissioner meeting from this morning.

Public Comment:

One resident in attendance requested an update on the internet towers coming to the Grant Township, which Supervisor Archambo gave.

One resident in attendance requested that gravel roads within the township be brined again. Supervisor Archambo to look into the possibility of having this done.

One resident in attendance requested having speed limit signs posted. Supervisor Archambo explained the process it takes to have these signs posted and that the township has no control over this.

Old Business:

Black Lake Marina: still waiting on DNR to respond back about attending a Township Board meeting.

“No parking” signs for Owens Road have been ordered. Cheboygan County Road Commission will be placing the signs. The Township has to write a resolution in order for the County Sheriff to enforce the no parking signs. Action tabled until September Board meeting, giving Treasurer Vallance time to research with the Michigan Township Association on how this resolution is to be written.

Maintenance/Repairs to be done sometime in September on the outhouses on the Town hall property.

New Business:

Supervisor Archambo reported that the Big Power lines running through Grant Township are going to be replaced with larger metal poles, which are taller than the existing wooden poles. Approximately 74 miles of poles will be replaced, which will take about 1 ½ to 2 years to complete, as this type of work is not done in the summertime, due to safety issues. The current right-of-way (90 feet) will need to be widened to 160 feet to accommodate the larger poles. Work is tentatively planned to begin in Presque Isle county in 2019, and then in Cheboygan County in 2020.

Motion by Trustee Kallio, supported by Treasurer Vallance to regretfully accept Constable, Diane Heythaler’s resignation effective August 14, 2018. All approved, motion carried. Treasurer Vallance to check with Michigan Township Association regarding the “how and when” to appoint a replacement.

No Public Comment.

Meeting Reports:

Trustee Boyd reported 7/11 Planning Commission meeting, the 7/18 Planning Commission meeting and the 6/28 MTA meeting.

Trustee Kallio thanked everyone for helping get the Library millage passed in the August Primary election. Trustee Kallio mentioned that a township resident called her, as this resident was denied a library card due to the resident’s Onaway mailing address. Trustee Kallio would like residents to know that they can take a copy of their property tax bill to the Library as proof of Cheboygan County residence. Treasurer Vallance also mentioned that the Library can contact County Treasurer’s office and this office will fax the needed information to the library.

Website/Newsletter: Trustee Kallio to have Library create a notice that can be put on Grant Township website regarding the issue of proof of residency for obtaining a library card if a township resident does not have a Cheboygan mailing address.

Pay Bills:

Motion to pay the bills was made by Treasurer Vallance, supported by Trustee Boyd. Roll call vote: Archambo: yes, Boyd:yes, Kallio:yes, Ossewaarde:yes, Vallance:yes . Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 by Supervisor Archambo.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ossewaarde, Clerk