

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

June 13, 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 four 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 Tracy Punches. Roll Call YES: Rita Foos, Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$3,171.64 were presented for approval by the Fiscal Officer. Tracy Punches moved to pay all bills as presented. 2nd by Rita Foos. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora, Rita Foos and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Robert Clark reported fire runs 53-65.

Wood Count Commissioner Craig Lahote attended the meeting to introduce himself and observe our meeting.

There was a short discussion on the Long Judson Road bridge, Rita Foos was contacted by the county to explain the delay to repairs is due to the historical value of the bridge. Since the county applied for federal funds to repair the bridge they must go through certain steps to bid the project and offer groups an opportunity to purchase and move the bridge.

Rita Foos mentioned that the tarp on the salt shed needs to be repaired.

The County Engineer estimate for the Weston Road project came back at \$135,000 for the townships' share. Rita Foos stated that she doesn't understand why it needs to be widened to 18 ft. when State Route 235 is only a mile away and it is a lot of money to spend on one mile of road when the township has 19 miles of road. Tracy stated that it isn't that much more to widen the road and it should be done to match the other half of the road that has already been widened. Eric Flora stated that the township is getting a mile of road repaired for half the cost since we are splitting the project with Washington Township.

Tracy Punches moved to meet with Washington Township to discuss the project and proceed with it at an estimated cost of \$135,000 to the township if they are in agreement to do the project. 2nd by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora, NO: Rita Foos, YES Tracy Punches. Motion Carried.

Eric Flora mentioned that there has been previous discussion about updating the fire truck and that the Fire Department has put together a committee to price a truck similar to the last truck we purchased in 1997. The current estimate for the truck and needed equipment is \$346,000. There was a short discussion on a possible levy to cover the cost of the truck with a five year loan. Eric also stated that it will be replacing our first out fire truck which is 19 years old.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer
