

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 18, 2020

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of the Town of Grantwood Village was held on Tuesday August 18, 2020, via Zoom virtual Meeting. The following Trustees were present:

Kevin Kelso, Chairman
Rick Wagner, Building Commissioner
Mark Kienstra, Public Works Commissioner
Pat Williams, Treasurer
Phil Miceli, Village Clerk

Also, present were Village Attorney Michael Vogt, Jennifer Merritt, Secretary, and Officer Emir Hadzic, Saint Louis County Police.

Chairman Kevin Kelso called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Phil Miceli conducted roll call. All trustees present.
Phil Miceli announced a quorum.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING –June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting.

- Mark Kienstra, motioned, seconded by Rick Wagner to approve the July 21, 2020, meeting minutes as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE POSITIONS

- Mark Kienstra, motioned, seconded by Rick Wagner to nominate Kevin Kelso as Chairman. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
- Kevin Kelso stated that he would like everyone to remain in their positions.
 - Rick Wagner, Building Commissioner
 - Mark Kienstra, Public Works Commissioner
 - Pat Williams, Treasurer
 - Phil Miceli, Village Clerk

RECOGNITION OF RESIDENTS & GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Chairman Kelso thanked everyone for attending this meeting virtually.
- The following Residents were in attendance:
 - Residents:
 - Laura Yates-7456 Whitehaven
 - Jim Albenesius-7348 Granbury Circle
 - Susan Rohde-8901 Raleigh Drive
 - Kate Hangee-11 Zinzer Ct
 - Kristen Suter-1 Grantview Lane

TRESURER’S REPORT-PAT WILLIAMS

- The Beginning Balance of the July Treasurer’s report is \$1,169,425.28. Net activity 6,877.53. Ending balance \$1,176,302.81
- Revenue is \$35,147.26, which is about 26% down, mainly from the gross poos sales tax revenue.
- Expenses are about 46% higher than last year which is due to the Lighting on Grant Road which is new, the expense from the consulting on the water run off issues, and the Grant road project.
- Mark Kienstra motioned, seconded by Rick Wagner, to approve the July Treasurer’s Report as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
 - August Disbursements (8/1-8/17) Disbursements \$48,759.82
 - Noted disbursements include:
 - Trustee Stipends
 - Utilities
 - \$20, 000 to NB West for Grant Rd Project
 - 1,082.82 to the Forest Releaf for trees for the village.
 - \$6,359.60 to Horner and Shifrin for the water run off consultations.
 - Mark Kienstra motioned, seconded by Rick Wagner to approve the disbursements for July. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.
- The auditing firm started on the annual audit. The presentation of the audit is usually in October/November
- Jim Albenesius presented the board with reports relating to specific spending on Village funds, Tree board funds and Grant Rd Project.

VILLAGE CLERK – PHIL MICELI

- The Village Newsletter will be completed within the next week, there was a delay due to some formatting issues.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER-RICK WAGER

- Some issues with external structures being constructed.
- Some building permits issued.

PUBLIC WORKS - MARK KIENSTRA

- Tax Rates for 2020 will be out officially at the end of September. The amount Grantwood Village gets is about \$125 per house in the village. The proposed tax rate will be posted on the website.
- Working on finalizing the streets bid package.
- The storm water runoff consultations are progressing.
- CARES Act sent funds to St Louis County. The Municipal League is asking Saint Louis County to disburse the funds to the Municipalities. The amount Grantwood Village would get if the funds are disbursed is likely around \$100,000.00

CHAIRMAN-KEVIN KELSO

OFFICER EMIR HADZIC-POLICE OFFICER REPORT

- Report:
 - 274 Calls for service
 - 12 Directed Calls
 - 100 Self Initiated Calls
 - 0 Reports
 - 5 Citations, 38 warnings issued

- Mark Kienstra Thanked St. Louis County Police for continued patrolling at night, many residents have picked up the patrols on their ring door dell

VILLAGE ATTORNEY-MICHAEL VOGT

- Sent in the audit report to the auditors, stating there are no open claims or litigation.
- Need to get the information regarding the damaged light on Grant Road, estimating the cost to be around \$10,000-\$15,000.
- There have been a lot of emails regarding the Grant "Woodstock" where a resident in Forest Haven would like to have a food truck and live music in the village.
 - Discussion on allowing this. As long as the Village does not get involved, Saint Louis County will take care of any issues that could arise from COVID-19 mandates, such as the size of the group or social distancing.

TREE BOARD REPORT- LAURA YATES

- The landscape designs should be available soon.
- Char Mason would like to do a memorial tree planting in the common area across from her house for Linda Blackburn. The tree would be either a white or a red oak tree. The tree board would cover the expenses from the tree board budget. It will take 4-8 weeks for a plaque and for the tree to be planted. Looking like a ceremony in Early October. Depending on restrictions at that time, a decision will be made on how to conduct the ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS

- MuniCode Ordinance proposal.
 - Discussion on the clause of opting out and being refunded a prorated amount.
 - Will get the sales representative to the next meeting to discuss the product and finalize a vote on the resolution.
- Open Structures in Backyards
 - Discussion on what is an open structure
 - Discussion on creating an ordinance or issuing variances
 - Discussion on existing structures-issuing non permitted structure letter.
 - Board will think about this over the next month and come to a resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

VILLAGER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Kienstra motioned, seconded by Pat Williams, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The open meeting closed at 8:33 P.M. The next Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Tuesday September 15, 2020 at **7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Kelso
Chairman

Attest:

Phil Miceli, Village Clerk