

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 21, 2014

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of the Town of Grantwood Village was held on Tuesday January 21, 2014, at Village Hall, One Missionary Ridge, Saint Louis MO, 63123. The following Trustees were present:

Kevin Kelso, Chairman  
Pat Williams, Treasurer  
Mark Kienstra, Village Clerk  
Paul Pfeiffer, Public Works Commissioner  
Bob Bess, Building Commissioner

Also present were: Village Attorney, Rich Magee, Sergeant Absolon, St. Louis County Police, and Jennifer Merritt, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Kevin Kelso.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

Mark Kienstra conducted roll call, all trustee's present.

Mark Kienstra announced a quorum.

### MINUTES

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- Mark Kienstra motioned, seconded by Bob Bess, to approve the December 17, 2013, meeting minutes as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

### TRUSTEES' REPORTS

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Beginning Balance \$271, 821.20, Receipts \$76,905.81, Disbursements \$22,841.70, Ending \$325,885.31.
- Bob Bess motioned, seconded by Paul Pfeiffer, to approve the December Treasurer's Report as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
- January Disbursements \$53,509.09.
  - Includes the Trustees Stipend allocated for the lateral sewer, the check to Dept of revenue for administration, and to St. Louis County for \$20,000 for the establishment of the lateral sewer program. The prosecuting attorney yearly fee for \$900.00 and a check to cover the cost of a new sign for Forrest Haven.
- Bob Bess motioned, seconded by Paul Pfeiffer, to approve the January 2014 Disbursements. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

#### VILLAGE CLERK-MARK KIENSTRA

- Entering in for candidacy ends today, there are two open positions and two candidates, Pat Williams and Sue Erhart. Mark will speak with the Board of Elections to find out if the candidates will need their names on the ballot.
- Future of Grant Road

- Other ballot proposals-Sales Tax
- General Revenue Sales Tax  
Economic Development sales tax. To help with the two attractions in Grantwood Village, Grant's Farm and the Historic Site. More information to follow in New Business.

#### BUILDING COMMISSIONER-BOB BESS

- The restroom renovation has gotten two bids for the tile work. Turner and Sons \$2880.00 and Tesson Construction for \$2417.00.
- Bob Bess recommends the Tesson Construction bid.
- Kevin Kelso recommended adding to the bid the tile sweep up prior to deciding.
- A couple of hundred dollars worth of building permits have been turned in.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER-PAUL PFEIFFER

- Grant Road Project:
  - The project has been approved and we are currently waiting on a release to get the ball rolling.
- A traffic study is being conducted on Grantview and Gravois to determine if a light is necessary to help the flow of traffic. A speaker from MODOT will be at the next meeting to show the results of the study.

#### CHAIRMAN-KEVIN KELSO

#### GENNY WEBELHUTH-NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- It is very important that we can communicate in times of an emergency or when some event arises. The best way to communicate quickly is through email. Please give your email to Genny Webelhuth for the ability to communicate with her on anything going on in the village. She will keep your email confidential.

#### MIKE THOMECZEK-POLICE OFFICER REPORT

- There was a Burglary on Granbury, an arrest has been made, and a special thanks to the dog walker who was very observant and was able to give a description of the suspect vehicle.
- There was a larceny that is still under investigation.
- There has been a rash of car break-ins on Music and Baptist Church. Please lock your vehicles, do not leave electronics or hide them. A handgun and multiple electronics have been stolen. Do not leave purses in the vehicles. In all of the car break-ins the vehicles were left unlocked.

#### VILLAGE ATTORNEY-RICHARD MAGEE

- Worked on researching revenue sources for the village
- Worked on the agreement with Saint Louis County
- Gave general legal advice

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The home inspection ordinance will be taken up at a special Meeting Monday January 27, 2014 at 6pm. Please submit your comments about the home inspection ordinance. There have only been two comments so far from residents.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Lateral Sewer Program

- 1 Lateral Sewer Claim which went well. Just a reminder that the Program covers the break itself, not septic tanks, decorative patios, driveways. Any additional work that needs to be done additionally such as decommissioning an old septic tank would be the responsibility of the homeowner. One benefit to using St.

Louis County to administer the plan is that the rates they receive from the contractors get passed on to the resident for any additional work to be completed.

- There will be a flyer in the newsletter with more information on the lateral sewer program. The contact information may be different from what you have on the flyer that is received with the newsletter.

#### Grant Road Maintenance Agreement

- Saint Louis County Previously maintenance Grant Road. We have negotiated a new contract for road maintenance. We will do a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance and a second reading on Monday at the Special meeting.
- The agreement is for \$5,000/year for 5 years. And any grants received by Grantwood Village pertaining to the road, the matching amount will be split by St. Louis County and Grantwood Village. For example if Grantwood Village received a \$100,000 grant, with a 20% match, then Grantwood Village would split that \$20,000 with St. Louis County as long as the funds are being used on the road itself.
- Mark Kienstra motioned, seconded by Bob Bess for a first reading of Bill #676. On voice vote the motion unanimously passed.
- Mark Kienstra read Bill No 676 by caption. An ordinance to approve a contract with St. Louis County, Missouri to perform maintenance services on Grant Road within the Town of Grantwood Village, Missouri.
- The Bill will be posted on the website.

#### Tax Proposals

- Sales Tax of ¼ of 1%.
  - This sales tax is for general retail sales and is not restricted to economic development. The revenue generated from this tax is able to go cover the costs of any of the village's expenses.
  - This tax is generated Retail sales from Grant's Farm, The historic site and Sam's Steakhouse.
  - One option would be to use this revenue to help subsidize the public safety budget.
  - This is a ballot issue and there will be some outreach to the residents explaining it.
  - The estimated revenue raised would be about \$15,000.00/year.
- Sales Tax of ½ of 1% for economic development
  - The way this tax is generated is the same as for the other. The difference is that the revenue generated must be spent on economic development.
  - This is a good way to offset the cost of the maintenance agreement with Saint Louis County for road maintenance on Grant Road.
  - If both sales tax proposals are passed it would be \$0.75 per \$100.00 spent
  - Grantwood Village is one of the few municipalities that are not imposing this tax
  - Suggestion to help raise revenue would be to impose a business license fee.
  - Doing a first reading tonight on the sales tax bills and will decide on Mondays meeting.
- Bob Bess motioned, seconded by Paul Pfeiffer for a first reading of Bill #677. On voice vote the motion unanimously passed.
- Mark Kienstra read Bill No 677 by caption. An ordinance calling for an election to impose a sales tax of one-fourth of 1 percent.
- Paul Pfeiffer motioned, seconded by Mark Kienstra for a first reading of Bill #678. On voice vote the motion unanimously passed.
- Mark Kienstra read Bill No 678 by caption. An ordinance calling for an election to impose a sales tax of one-half percent for economic development purposes.

#### Ordinances

- Other item to think about is to audit the ordinances for inconsistencies.
- Pat Williams will do some research and get in contact with Sullivan publications to determine cost of doing audit. Something will be presented at the February meeting.

VILLAGERS/QUESTIONS COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed at 8:05 P.M. The next Regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Tuesday February 18, 2014 at **7:00 P.M.** A special Meeting will be held Monday January 27, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman

Attest:

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Village Clerk