

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 19, 2016

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of the Town of Grantwood Village was held on Tuesday April 19, 2016, at Village Hall, One Missionary Ridge, Saint Louis MO, 63123. The following Trustees were present:

Kevin Kelso, Chairman
Pat Williams, Treasurer
Sue Ehrhardt, Village Clerk

Also present were: Village Attorney, Rich Magee; Officer Mike Thomeczek, St. Louis County Police; and Jennifer Merritt, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Kevin Kelso.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Sue Ehrhardt conducted roll call. All trustees' present except Mark Kienstra.
Sue Ehrhardt announced a quorum.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING –March 15, 2016

- Pat Williams motioned, seconded by Sue Ehrhardt, to approve March 15, 2016, meeting minutes as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

RECOGNITION OF RESIDENTS GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting this evening. The following guests were in attendance:
 - Bernie Harmon - 7638 Bracken Circle
 - Jim Albenesius -7348 Grandbury Circle
 - Chris Boeger - 20 Grantwood Lane
 - Christine Mago - 3 Grantview Lane

TREASURER'S REPORT - PAT WILLIAMS

- Beginning Balance \$758,923.22, Receipts \$96,835.20, Disbursements \$21,276.91, Ending \$834,481.51.
- Revenue includes pooled taxes and a \$60,000 deposit from AB - Inbev for matching Grant Road Project. So far there are \$195,000 secured of the \$240,000 of the matching funds for the Grant Road project. Grantwood Village will only have to come up with about \$55,000. This money will be in a separate ledger account to keep track of what money comes in and out.
- Sue Ehrhardt motioned, seconded by Kevin Kelso, to approve the March Treasurer's Report as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
- April Disbursements were \$49,886.39.
- Couple of checks to point out, #14132 for postage for a Certified Letter to obtain a Business License \$6.79, \$15.74 for folders for audit box for the review, Weber fire and security, to check fire extinguishers and exit signs \$141.75, \$791.00 for a bench replacement in Forest Haven, a tree fell on it. Check to JH Berra for \$7,000, and to Above and Below \$21,000 and \$3,505. There is a bit more to pay for Above and Below, waiting on project to be completed. Both road projects are due to MSD Projects.

- Sue Ehrhardt motioned, seconded by Kevin Kelso, to approve April Disbursements as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
- Sprint Cell for the Police Officer not billed, it is still working.

VILLAGE CLERK – SUE EHRHARDT

- Update on Community Development Block Grant. A new contact for project is Alex Devlin, and the 2017 application is on the way. The public hearing will be held at the next meeting.
- Sue Ehrhardt found the mosquito spray Adapco that was used last year to control the mosquito's around derelict pools. It's very effective, but it is not cheap, but it has a two year shelf life.
- There is a business owner next to Sam's that has not paid the business license that is being difficult.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER – open

- The search is on to find a replacement for the building commissioner.
- There has been a couple of building permits issued.
- There are a few problem properties and Rich has been working on.

PUBLIC WORKS - MARK KIENSTRA - Absent

- Grant Road Project- This project is about \$1.2 Million in cost, so far Grantwood Village has about \$2,500 invested for the initial engineering. There are commitments from outside sources for up to \$195,000 for the project and the Grantwood Village commitment will be about \$55,000. This \$1.2 million dollar project to add a lane to Grant Road and resurface, along with adding lighting and banners. Thanks to everyone for their help with this project.

CHAIRMAN - KEVIN KELSO

OFFICER MIKE THOMEZCHEK - POLICE OFFICER REPORT

- Lawn Equipment stolen out of a garage.
 - Officer Mike Thomechzek is on the lookout for the business owner that needs to renew the business license. He will let Sue know once he comes back to the office.
 - Traffic Survey - all vehicles were less than 25mph.
- Russian Olives. There are Russian olive plants planted along the trail that are not native to Missouri. Would like to slowly replace them with another form of bush that is native, to cut down on costs of caring for the Russian olive plants. Discussion on plan to replace. Will get the tree committee to take on this project.
- Problem Properties - There are three homes that are serious problems for Grantwood Village. The property owners have been given ample time to complete projects. Action needs to be taken in Court.
 - One property the resident is trying to be his own contractor, the Saint Louis County and Grantwood Village permits are expired. The letter will state the permit violations and the housing violations. The letter will be mailed certified.
 - There is a property where the homeowner has passed and the home is in an estate, the attorneys have not made any progress and the home needs attention. Rich Magee will reach out to the attorneys.
 - For the third property Rich will prepare a summons.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY - RICH MAGEE

- Prepared a draft letter for one of the problem properties since the resident is seriously past the time on the building permit and is not making reasonable progress.
- Rich Magee received a call on how to act when a vendor is not performing. Holding payment is the best way to get the vendor to complete the job correctly.
- The state legislature is considering a bill limiting the fine for housing violations to \$200/max.
- Senate Bill 5, the best part of the Judge's ruling is that he agreed with the plaintiff cities concerning unfunded mandates.
- Reviewed the peddler ordinance. Overall it seems good but there is one section where peddlers are mentioned and it's in an unrelated area and it should come out. It should be noted that a canvasser is different from a peddler. A canvasser is defined as associated with a political or religious group and they do not need a solicitor's permit.
- May need a separate meeting to pass an ordinance concerning the FLAP grant, possibly Saturday morning.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tree City USA
 - Sue Ehrhardt modified the sample ordinance from Tree City USA, Rich's ordinance submitted at the last meeting, and Webster Grove's ordinance to form a new Grantwood Village ordinance. Discussion on whether a Certified Arborist/Forester is needed.
 - Kevin will set up a meeting with the tree committee to discuss the Arborist and Tree City USA.
 - Pat Williams motioned, to read Bill 706 by caption, Kevin Kelso seconded.
 - Sue Ehrhardt read Resolution 706 by caption.
 - A Resolution Amending Chapter 525 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Grantwood Village, Missouri Pertaining to the maintenance of public and private property to add new sections 525.070 and 525.240 for the purpose of attaining Tree City USA Certification for the Town of Grantwood Village and regulating and protecting the Village's Urban Forest.
 - No Discussion
 - Pat Williams motioned to read Bill 706 by caption, Kevin Kelso seconded.
 - Sue Ehrhardt conducted a roll call vote:
 - Kevin Kelso- AYE
 - Pat Williams- AYE
 - Sue Ehrhardt- AYE
- Bill No. 706 becomes Ordinance 706.16

NEW BUSINESS

- None

VILLAGER'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of Open Meeting

Sue Ehrhardt motioned, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat Williams. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:19 P.M. The next Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Tuesday May 17, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Kelso
Chairman

Attest:

Sue Ehrhardt
Village Clerk