

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 21, 2017

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of the Town of Grantwood Village was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at Village Hall, One Missionary Ridge, Saint Louis MO, 63123. The following Trustees were present:

Kevin Kelso, Chairman
Rick Wagner, Building Commissioner
Sue Ehrhardt, Village Clerk

Also present were: Village Attorney, Mike Vogt; Officer Dave Graf, 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

Sue Ehrhardt conducted roll call. All trustees except Pat Williams and Mark Kienstra were present. Sue Ehrhardt announced a quorum.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – January 17, 2017

- Rick Wagner motioned, seconded by Sue Ehrhardt, to approve January 17, 2017, regular meeting minutes as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – January 20, 2017

- Rick Wagner motioned, seconded by Sue Ehrhardt, to approve January 20, 2017, special 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 residents were in attendance:
- Residents:
 - Chris Boeger - 20 Grantwood Lane
 - Jim Albenesius - 7348 Granbury Circle
 - Bernie Harmon - 7638 Bracken Circle
 - Julie Bauer - 7253 Grandbury Circle
 - Florence Stalley - 7400 Granbury Circle
 - Laura Yates - 7456 Whitehaven
 - Jan Muraski - 9007 Whitehaven

TREASURER'S REPORT – KEVIN KELSO filling in for Pat Williams

- The Beginning Balance of the January Treasurer's report is \$924,264.75, Receipts \$123,695.75, Disbursements \$49,686.01, ending balance \$998,274.49.
- Taxes from Sewer Lateral collections are all in. Possibly look at revisiting the sewer lateral policy.

- Some reimbursements from the Grant Road Project. Reimbursements are now in the 80/20 portion of the Grant. Mark Kienstra is in talks with Saint Louis County to start reimbursing Grantwood Village the matching money that they have allocated for the project.
- Rick Wagner motioned, seconded by Sue Ehrhardt, to approve the January Treasurer's Report as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
- February Disbursements \$31,383.80
- There was nothing out of the ordinary in expenses. There was a check #14367 to Minuteman Press in the amount of \$293.02 for the Village Directory. There was also a check #14369 for a file cabinet for \$37.14 for court. The rest of the items were the normal expenditures.
- The accountant fees were for the court and the other is tax rate related. Pat Williams will have the detail on it.
- Rick Wagner motioned, seconded by Sue Ehrhardt, to approve February's disbursements as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

VILLAGE CLERK – SUE EHRHARDT

- Village Directory. The Village directory has been completed and mailed. Also the brochure for new residents was mailed with the new directory. Everyone should have received them in the first part of February. No one has called to say that there were any mistakes in the directory, but there are already 2-3 updates to be made.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER – RICK WAGNER

- Casey Electric has taken down all four of the lights at the entrances of old Grantwood to be refurbished and restored. The process can take from 2-8 weeks. Refurbishing them was about half the cost of replacing them.
- Of the problem properties, one of the houses sold. The others are working slowly to correct the problems.
- A couple of new building permits have been granted.

PUBLIC WORKS - MARK KIENSTRA

- The Grant Road Project is coming along and progressing as scheduled.
- Ground breaking looks as though it will be in September.
- There are 29 banners and 29 lights. We would like to get the Historic Site and Grants Farm involved with the design of the banners. Suggestion to have a contest with the residents to help design and also to help contribute to the cost of the banners. Suggestion to look into using stainless steel medallions, instead of banners. The banners would be 3 feet by 18 inches.

CHAIRMAN-KEVIN KELSO

OFFICER DAVE GRAF- POLICE OFFICER REPORT

- 225 Calls for service, 40 from residents
- 2 Accident reports.
- 1 Alarm
- 1 Trespassing case
- It's been nice out, so Officer Dave has been riding around on the bike within the Village.
- The signs at Grants Trail are extremely faded.
- Officer Dave to let Kevin Kelso know about missing signs within the village.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY-MIKE VOGT

- The last few months have been busy with the tree ordinance and other ordinances.
- January was a slow month, nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Request for bids from the arborists.
 - Discussion on the four bids that were received from various arborists to become the Village arborist. All of the arborists that have responded work for a tree service. Discussion on keeping the arborists from biased decisions relating to the taking down of trees to gain business for their company. Discussion on the incentive to go with an arborist that works for a large tree company because they would always have an arborist available.
 - Discussion on where else to get an arborist, some ideas are calling Washington University, Saint Louis University, Missouri Botanical Garden, Saint Louis Community College.
 - Discussion is to try and use all four of the arborists that submitted proposals. This would give the Village the opportunity to try all four and see which one or if all would be best.
- Court Compliance Update
 - With the new MO Supreme Court Ruling in late September 2016, here are a lot of items that the court has to do to be in compliance with the State law. This ruling stems from the Senate Bill 5. The following are a few of the requirements and possible solutions:
 - There is a requirement for the Clerk to be available 30 business hours a week. The Court has defined the 30 hours by having 15 hours open during business hours and 15 hours available by phone or email. This requirement can be solved by teaming up with another court that has a full time Clerk. A suggestion would be to team up with Shrewsbury if possible, since that is what Lakeshire has done (the other City that Jennifer Merritt works for).
 - There is a requirement to have the ability to take credit card payments. Grantwood Village does have this ability now and defendants can either pay online or over the phone to dedicated phone #.
 - All relevant court information needs to be available on the Village's Website. This has also been completed.
 - The main problem that Jennifer has run into is that the Court requires that we have all open case information available to search on the web. This has to be a secure site. The court has to be on an automated system and Grantwood Village Court is a manual court, meaning everything is completed using MS Excel spreadsheets.
 - After a lot of research the most cost effective option would be to go with the REJIS IMDSPlus Court system. There is a cost to this. Jennifer has not gotten the full proposal from REJIS yet, but roughly the costs are about \$4,320 start up costs, and \$165/month.
 - Discussion on what happens if the Village decided to hold court at Saint Louis County South Division.
 - Discussion on what needs to be completed to implement the system. Mike Vogt will draw up an ordinance to contract with REGIS for the March 2017 meeting.

VILLAGER'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Sue Ehrhardt motioned, seconded by Rick Wagner, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:00 P.M. The next Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Tuesday March 21, 2017 at **7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Kelso
Chairman

Attest:

Sue Ehrhardt
Village Clerk