

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 16, 2014

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of the Town of Grantwood Village was held on Tuesday September 16, 2014, 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  
Mark Kienstra, Public Works Commissioner  
Bob Bess, Building Commissioner

Also present were: Village Attorney, Rich Magee, Officer Mike Thomezchek, 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 present.  
Sue Ehrhardt announced a quorum.

MINUTES

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- Bob Bess motioned, seconded by Mark Kienstra, to approve the August 19, 2014, meeting minutes as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT-PAT WILLIAMS

- Beginning Balance \$390,655.57, Receipts \$24,699.55, Disbursements \$27,678.83, Ending \$387,676.29.
- Pat Williams added a foot note to the Treasurer’s Report for all outstanding items, from previous month disbursements.
- Bob Bess motioned, seconded by Mark Kienstra, to approve the August Treasurer’s Report as stated. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
- September Disbursements \$21,297.08.
  - Paid Access Engineering two checks, for the Grant Road Project but these expenses will be reimbursed by the Grant.
  - Bob Bess motioned, seconded by Mark Kienstra, to approve the August 2014 Disbursements. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

VILLAGE CLERK-SUE EHRHARDT

- Sent out the problem property letters and no response. The next step is to send a certified letters and give 10days to answer. These will be sent out soon.
- Community Development Block Grant- has been approved and we are currently under contract with Saint Louis County to administer. The amount of the Grant has yet to be determined.
  - There are three applications in to Saint Louis County from Grantwood Village residents interested in receiving funds from the Grant, as well as one other person interested
- Thanks for fixing the pot hole at Vicksburg and Zinzer

- Sue noticed the permit report that comes from Saint Louis County Public Works Department were blank. She spoke to someone at Saint Louis County and they told her that is a glitch in the system and it will be corrected.

#### BUILDING COMMISSIONER-BOB BESS

- The last two to three months have been very busy with building permits. Bob Bess will be working on changing the building permit fee from a flat \$25 fee to a sliding scale fee based on the scale of the project. The Saint Louis City and County fees schedules have been given to Bob to review.
- After all of the push to get the chickens in the Village, there are no longer any chickens in the Village.
- The address plaque on the City Hall has been updated to be able to see it from the street.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER-MARK KIENSTRA

- The bids for snow removal will be obtained for the next meeting.

#### CHAIRMAN-KEVIN KELSO

#### GENNY WEBELHUTH-NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- Just a reminder to update the house numbers on the homes in the Village.

#### MIKE THOMECEK-POLICE OFFICER REPORT

- A resident on Raleigh left their vehicle unlocked and it was gone through, but nothing was taken. There were also some similar incidents throughout Affton that same night and some things were taken.
- A lot of people were on vacation, so that kept Officer Mike busy.
- Complaints about speeding on Zinzer. A suggestion was made to use the half barricades on the street, to help slow traffic. The village has two of them, with lights that come on at night. This will be put in the newsletter for resident input.
  - Officer Mike has been watching the area and so far only 7.9% of the vehicles that come through are technically speeding, most are at or below the speed limit. Of those that were speeding, it was still under the speed to constitute a ticket to be written.
  - Officer Mike also suggested getting the stealth radar in the area for a while to get more statistics at all different times of day. Officer Mike will find out when it's available.
- Economic Development Tax Board
  - One member is appointed by Saint Louis County and one member is appointed by Lindbergh school District. The other three are Grantwood Residents. The three are:
    - Mr. Hockenull
    - Mr. Rotter
    - Mr. Ott
  - Earliest this new board will meet will be late September or October. The purpose of the board is to give direction on what to do with the funds from the economic development tax.

#### VILLAGE ATTORNEY

- Worked on the Tax Rate for Grantwood Village, including the notice of public hearings.
- Researched building permit fees
- Finalized the fence ordinance
- Researched the Temporary Parking Permits. According to the Grantwood Village Ordinances, the permits can be authorized by the Public Works Commissioner and a temporary parking order.
- There is an issue with a boat parked permanently at a residence.
  - The boat has been moved by the owner prior to the meeting

- In the future any nuisance problems will go before the Board of Trustees to determine if the problem constitutes a nuisance and if it does then an order will be written by the Board allowing or disallowing the nuisance. It would then go the Court to enforce the Order.
  - May need to look into this further to see if the Board would want it changed to streamline the process.

## OLD BUSINESS

### FENCE ORDINANCE

- Bill No. 680
- Rich Magee described the revised fence ordinance.
  - Wrought iron style
  - No more than 4ft high
  - Painted black
  - Pickets that are no more than 4 inches apart
  - Designed so that at least 70% of the fence is open.
  - Pool Fences
    - No more than 5ft high
    - Gate with a lock that is up to 72 inches high
    - Ten feet from water's edge or hard surface
    - Must be within set back lines
  - Questions/comments
    - Small dogs not addressed
    - Discussion on more clarification for the fences around pools
    - Updated the following:
      - Pool Fences
        - Fence & Gate with a lock that is between 48 and 72 inches high
        - Ten feet from water's edge or hard surface and no less than 4 feet from the edge of the pool.
        - Also 70% open.
  - Mark Kienstra motioned, seconded by Pat Williams to do a first reading of bill no. 680 by caption.
  - Sue Ehrhardt read Bill No. 680 by Caption
    - An Ordinance of the Town of Grantwood Village, Missouri amending Chapter 515 of the Town of Grantwood Village Code to Delete Section 515.010 and insert a new Section 515.010 in its place and amending Chapter 510 of the Town of Grantwood Village Code to Delete Section 510.100 and insert a new Section 510.100 in its place.
  - Discussion-None
  - Bob Bess motioned, seconded by Mark Kienstra to do a second reading of bill no. 680 by caption.
  - Sue Ehrhardt read Bill No. 680 by Caption
  - Sue Ehrhardt conducted the Roll Call Vote.
    - Mark Kienstra-Aye
    - Bob Bess-Aye
    - Kevin Kelso-Aye
    - Pat Williams-Aye
    - Sue Ehrhardt-Nay
- Bill No. 680 passes and becomes Ordinance No. 680-14

### PUBLIC HEARING-TAX RATE

- Annual Tax Rate Calculation

- Discussion on the rate. The calculation is performed on a spreadsheet that is provided by the state that determines the tax rate for the Town of Grantwood Village for the 2014 tax year. The only change in the rate this year is the commercial tax rate. The tax rate must be presented at a public hearing, be voted by the Board of Trustees, and delivered to Saint Louis County no later than October 1, 2014.
  - The trustees will publish the spreadsheet showing the rate calculation on the website.
  - Discussion/Questions
    - The commercial real estate increased from .1770 in 2013 to .1820 in 2014.
- Close of the Public Hearing

- Mark Kienstra motioned, seconded by Bob Bess to do a first reading of Bill No. 682 by caption.
- Sue Ehrhardt read Bill No. 682 by Caption
  - An Ordinance levying and fixing the tax rate in the Town of Grantwood Village, County of Saint Louis, State of Missouri, for the year 2014 on all property subject to taxation in said Village for general municipal purposes per one hundred dollars (100.00) valuation at the rate of \$0.2370 on all residential real estate, \$0.1820 on all commercial real estate, \$0.5000 on all agricultural real estate, and \$0.2610 on all personal property; effective date: September 16, 2014.
- No Discussion
- Mark Kienstra motioned, seconded by Bob Bess to do a second reading of Bill No. 682 by caption.
- Sue Ehrhardt read Bill No. 682 by Caption a second time
- No Discussion
- Sue Ehrhardt conducted Roll Call Vote:
  - Bob Bess- AYE
  - Kevin Kelso-AYE
  - Mark Kienstra-AYE
  - Pat Williams-AYE
  - Sue Ehrhardt-AYE
- On Roll Call Vote the motion unanimously passed. Bill No. 682 becomes Ordinance No. 682-14

NEW BUSINESS

None

VILLAGER'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. The next Regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Tuesday October 21, 2014 at **7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman

Attest:

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Village Clerk