

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 20,2011

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of the Town of Grantwood Village was held on Tuesday September 20, 2011, at Village Hall, One Missionary Ridge, Saint Louis MO, 63123. The following Trustees were present:

Cathy Forand, Village Chairman
Mark Kienstra, Treasurer
Pat Williams, Village Clerk

Also present were: Village Attorney, Emily Kelly; Dr. Joe Forand, Budget Director; Officer Thomezchek, St. Louis County Police, Captain Mike Dirkes, St. Louis County Police, and Jennifer Merritt, Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Cathy Forand. Mark Kienstra conducted roll call, and Cathy Forand announced a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING-2011 TAX RATES

- Public hearing establishing 2011 Property Tax Rates.
- John Nanos explained the 2011 Tax Rates
 - Residential .2300
 - Agriculture .4920
 - Commercial .1560
 - Personal Property .2610
- Discussion on correcting 2009 and 2010 Tax rates

STATEMENT FROM CATHY FORAND

- Cathy Forand Statement on conducting meetings following Roberts Rules of Order. The board appreciates the resident participation but the Board meetings are held to conduct village business. All documents will be up on the website and meeting updates will be posted there as well for those who are unable to attend the meetings. All questions and comments need to be held until the Villagers Questions section of the meeting. At that point the resident will be called on and please stand up and state your name and address and each person is limited to 2 minutes and please address the board not other residents.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING –August 16, 2011

- No changes to the regular board meeting minutes.-Mark Kienstra Motioned, seconded by Pat Williams, to approve the August 16 2011, meeting minutes as stated, on voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING –August 27, 2011

- No changes to the regular board meeting minutes.-Mark Kienstra Motioned, seconded by Pat Williams, to approve the August 27 2011, meeting minutes as stated, on voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING –August 30, 2011

- No changes to the regular board meeting minutes.-Mark Kienstra Motioned, seconded by Pat Williams, to approve the August 30 2011, meeting minutes as stated, on voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

YEARLY REVIEW-JOHN NANOS

- Conducted the yearly review. A yearly review is not as broad as an audit, but more in depth than a compilation.-Discussion on outcome of yearly review. Overall Assets are higher than previous year due to decrease in expenses and a slight increase in revenues.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT- MARK KIENSTRA

- Beginning Balance \$240,277.05, Receipts \$17,832.70, Disbursements \$21,604.40, Ending \$236,505.35.
- Pat Williams Motioned, seconded by Mark Kienstra, to approve the Treasurers Report for August as stated, on voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
- September Disbursements \$38,857.13.-Pat Williams Motioned, seconded by Mark Kienstra, to approve the September Disbursements as stated, on voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.
- Mark Kienstra Motioned, seconded by Pat Williams, to approve the Letter of Engagement from Boyd Franz and Stevens, for accounting services for 2011, not to exceed \$2,325. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

VILLAGE CLERK-PAT WILLIAMS

- Pat Williams appreciates all the support and help in adjusting to her new position.
- Currently compiling all the auto stickers on a spreadsheet.
- Bulky Waste will be picked up by St Vincent DePaul.
 - If you have any suggestions for other charities for next year please let Pat Williams know.
- Thursday is the date for filing the tax rate with St. Louis County.

BUILDING AND STREET COMMISSIONER-BOB BESS (ABSENT) MARK KIENSTRA SPOKE

- Snow removal bids are being gathered. Will have them at the next meeting.
- Stika concrete is completed with the slab replacement for the contract. All slabs that were replaced are listed on the website.
- We are starting to mark the second set of slabs that need to be replaced. If you have suggestions please contact us and let us know. There will be a list added to the website. Hope to have the second set of slabs completed before the end of the year.
- Check out the website for the video in the rain. This video demonstrates the drainage on the streets.
- Next steps will be pot hole repair, the second set of slab replacement, and seam sealing.
- Will also be checking the drainage in old Grantwood.
- Mark Kienstra motioned, seconded by Pat Williams to allow up to \$3,000 for a dye-testing service to come out and test the streets professionally for proper drainage. On voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

CHAIRWOMAN-CATHY FORAND

- St Louis County municipal League requested an audit on Ameren. The audit found that 6 lighting locations that Grantwood Village had been paying for were actually Crestwood's. There should be a credit for this in the coming months. There will also be a credit of about \$750 from too much state and muni. sales tax being collected.
- Ed Brimer has three signs that he is working on for the entrances. There are some issues with color. Should know more by the end of the month.
- There was a nice cannon dedication on Saturday at the Grant Historic Site. The cannons are on loan from Andy Busch. Charlie Dooley gave the key note address.
- Asking anyone who is attending the meetings to please print out their meeting materials from the website and bring them with you. It will cut down on copying costs for the Village. There will still be some copies for those who are not able to access the internet and print.

MIKE THOMECHZK-POLICE OFFICER REPORT

- Only one incident with the street repairs and it is currently being dealt with.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY-EMILY KELLY

- Discussion on status of Chickens being allowed in the Village. The ordinances are not clear on the issue. Chapter 205 states they are allowed and Chapter 215 states that they could be not allowed and then there is also the issue of the housing the chickens. The board will have to make a decision as to being allowed or not and then adjust the ordinances to follow the decision.
- Unincorporated St. Louis County does allow chickens, as well as St. Louis city and some other neighboring areas, such as Webster, Kirkwood, and Crestwood. Lori Stevenson will look up information from other muni's and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Will be collecting bids from the same 8 contractors as we did in May for the second round of concrete slab replacement.
- There will be a special meeting set up once we receive all the bids back to discuss the street bids and the chicken issue. The meeting will probably be the first week of October. The exact date will be posted on the website once it is determined.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 657 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2011 ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF GRANTWOOD VILLAGE

- Mark Kienstra Motioned, seconded by Pat Williams to read Bill No. 657 by Title only.
- No discussion
- Mark Kienstra Motioned, Seconded by Pat Williams to read Bill No. 657 by Title for the second time.
- Pat Williams read Bill No. 657 by Title only.
- On Roll Call Vote, Cathy Forand, Aye, Mark Kienstra Aye, Pat Williams Aye. The motion passes and. Bill 657 becomes Ordinance 657-11.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRANTWOOD VILLAGE TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER WITH STIKA CONCRETE CONTRACTING, INC.

- Mark Kienstra Motioned, seconded by Pat Williams to do the first reading of Bill No. 656, by title. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.
- Pat Williams read the resolution by title
 - On voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed. The resolution becomes 2011.6
 - Discussion on what the resolution was for. The change order was for giving the contractor which slabs of concrete to replace.

VILLAGER'S QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Jack Weigen-Clarification if the out building includes dog houses. The out building does not include dog houses.
- Christine Thor Weigen-8921 Granbury Circle- Thanks for looking into the chicken issue. Shown map of areas around Grantwood Village that allow/don't allow the chickens. Written information given to the Board of Trustees on possible solutions.
- Barb Hackett-14 Zinzer Court- Information on the break in. The burglary was handled by the detectives in St. Louis County and an arrest has been made. Will the Chicken coops be inviting predatory animals? If use Roberts Rules will there be a copy of the rules somewhere for reference?
- Elise Vandover-3 Grantwood Lane- The predator issue is currently a factor since there are other grain-fed animals in the area due to Grants Farm. The best thing to do is have a sturdy secure area for the chickens. Would be happy to suggest more ideas and be a chicken consultant if need be.

- Will Larson-25 Zinzer Court- Discussion with conflicts of interest with the accounting firm and the Board of Trustees. Discussion on the treasurer's report on explanation of expenses, when a check is cut to a person, rather than a business. Offered interest to be on the Board of Trustees.
- Pam Wendl-44 Grantwood Lane- Thank you for holding the comments to the end of the meeting. Explanation on when the Village Clerk's position being up for re-election in April.
- Cole 8921 Granbury Circle- Discussion on adding the chicken issue for the next meeting. Discuss and present the issue at the special October meeting. A date will be set.
- Hans Bayer-8808 Paragon Circle- Give the chicken issue some thought.
- Jan Muraski-9007 Whitehaven-Discussion on entrance signs. The PDF versions will be posted on the website for viewing as soon as they are available. The reminder signs about the meeting are good, but there need to be more. Discussion on the W-2 forms and who prepares them. Would like copies of the last two Mud-jacking contracts and invoices. Mark Kienstra stated to meet up at Village Hall on Saturday to get copies.
- Jack Weigen-8921 Granbury Circle- Clarification. The Special meeting in October will hear the chicken issue and the regular meeting in October will decide on the chicken issue.
- Bill Hypes -21 Vicksburg Circle- Petition results given to the Board of Trustees.
- Fritz Weldge-1 Grantwood Lane- stated that the chickens would need an out building as well as a fence to keep the chickens. Also would the out building need to be taken down if the chickens were no longer being raised?
- Pat Jones- 6 Grantwood Lane- Drainage issues for Old Grantwood, please send an email with any concerns to get the areas on the list.
- Susan Bayer- 8808 Paragon Circle-Neighbors have chickens and they are quiet. Discussion on whether the power lines will be buried by Ameren. At this point they will not be burying the power lines.
- Barb Hackett-14 Zinzer Court- Discussion on if there are more predatory animals in the area affect the dogs and cats in the neighborhood.
- Rick Brenner- 8843 Rock Forest- Predators are already an issue in the area.
- Please email/call the trustees if you have any further questions/comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Kienstra motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat Williams. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The next Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Tuesday October 18, 2011 at **7:00 P.M.** The meeting closed at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman

Attest:

Village Clerk