

**CITY OF GRANT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Grant City Zoning Board of Appeals was scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017, at the Grant Community Center.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7: p.m. by Mayor Hallman
2. Pledge of Allegiance:
3. Roll Call:
  - PRESENT:
    - Mayor Julie Hallman, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Harold Portell, Commissioner Kevin Smith, and Commissioner Gabe Sanchez
    - Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager and Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade - Police Chief, Bob Mendham - Newaygo County Sheriff, Jennifer Koopman, and Holly Paulsen.
  - ABSENT: None
  - EXCUSED: None
4. Approval of the Agenda
  - Motion:** Made by Portell, second by Pickard to approve the agenda.
  - Motion passed unanimously.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2015 ZBA Meeting
  - Motion:** Made by Bouwkamp, second by Portell
  - Motion passed unanimously.
6. Public Comments
  - Gerard Williams introduced himself and explained his home has been used as a residence since it was originally constructed. Getting a loan for a home zoned Commercial is quite difficult.
7. Work Session through standardized review standards
  - a. Proposed Use Variance, 27 S. Front Street, 22-24-127-031: Relief from requirements of Article 10 B-C Commercial District, Section 10.1, Part 2 "Residential use of a building or a portion thereof, provided the building is of brick or other fire resistant material." Standards of Reasonable Use, Plight due to circumstances unique to property, Not alter the essential character of the area, and Problem not self-created: All satisfied
    - Comments Taken From Audience: None
    - Motion:** Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve Gerard Williams variance request.
    - Motion passed unanimously.
8. Public Comments:
  - None
9. Adjournment:
  - The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:01p.m.

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 16, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, October 16, 2017, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order – Regular Meeting:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
  - Koopman introduced herself representing the River Country Chamber. Stated the weather was horrible for the Harvest Moon Festival. Wednesday is the quarterly meeting at 5:30pm at the Driftwood. The January meeting will be in Grant. They are working on a five year plan. City of White Cloud got forty-one (41) new banners for only \$5,100.00 for everything.
3. Consent Agenda Items:
  - Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Sanchez to approve the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Unfinished Business**
  - None

5. **New Business, Consideration for:**

- a. Sheriff Bob Mendham, Newaygo County Sheriff's Office: In the first nine months as Sheriff, they have made some immediate upgrades. The records management system for the jail was DOS based, and they are now using a new system. They changed their daily uniform for Officers to a fatigue style uniform. They still use Class A for court and funerals though. The Sheriff's Department now has a couple of trucks, which will make handling stolen property complaints and pulling equipment easier. The Department is working well with the local agencies, and anything they can help with is available. The new County Administrator is also working well for us.
- b. Motion Item #1: Consideration: To pay off the 1992-05 Sewer Bond  
**Motion:** Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to pay off just over \$18,000.00 on this bond.  
Portell asked if the sewer bills are going to go down now.  
Rudzis stated our next payment for interest would be \$3,000.00. We have managed funds well to do this.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Motion Item #2: Appointment of Kate Block to City Commission to fill vacancy of Cheryl Weeks.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Portell to appoint Kate Block.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Motion Item #3: Approval of contract with Wolverine Power Systems. Hallman explained this was last done in 2015.  
Pickard clarified this would be \$2,750.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to accept the contract.  
Pickard asked if this is done every year.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Motion Item #4: Approval of Grant Police Department Reserve Officer Policy.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Portell to approve the policy.  
 Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Other Business:**

- a. None

7. **Information Items:**

Hallman shared information about the Harvest Moon Festival. Six people competed in the BBQ contest this year. Smith asked how long M-37 was shut down for the parade, and Wade stated one hour and fifteen minutes. Smith stated The Depot was not too happy about it on a Friday night. Wade shared that he heard complaints about the parade too. Koopman said lots of parade participants really liked it. Smith expressed concern that it is too dark in the downtown, and that five (L.E.D.) streetlights in a row are completely out. Rudzis explained this was a project previous DPW staff were working on before they left.

8. **Public Comments:**

Holly Paulsen stated she is wondering if the lights issue is something sourced out, and offered to fix them. Rudzis stated the process is lengthy just to change out one, and we need two people to be safe.

9. **Adjournment**

**Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard to adjourn at 7:23pm.  
 Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Julie Hallman

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk