

GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2020

The following meeting was held electronically using Zoom. Notices were posted on the Townships website, Facebook and front door.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Stormont, Brennan, Bray, Zenz, Loveland and Butterfield and Bednarski-Lynch joined at 8:03. Others in attendance: Jim Howe, Gail Harris, David Trent and Marc Cuddie.

Meeting called to order via Zoom by Supervisor Stormont at 8:00 am.

Road Millage is moving forward. Two public forums will be held at the Grass Lake Pavillion. Monday, August 24 at 6:30 pm and Monday, September 14 at 6:30. Jackson County Department of Transportation is working on the brochure – Loveland would like the following added: “How much is my share in the improvement of our roads”. Also break down grid showing TAV and how much is the property owner cost and length of years of millage. Bednarski-Lynch wants explanation as to why Phal and Grass Lake Roads-which are “Primary Roads” are not on list but will still be done within the time frame of the road construction. This also needs to be sure and be put in writing with the contract if the millage passes with Department of Transportation.

Sewer and Water Contracts – David Trent spoke on the progress of the contracts. They have been revised and is hopeful that Joel Grimm, David Keener and Paul Lammers – Village representatives and Tom Brennan and Tom Loveland – Township representatives will be able to review in August/September, bring back to boards, make any changes and then be ready to adopt in October.

Marijuana Operations – Much discussion on this issue and the Township knows of 3 parcels with activity happening. Stormont would like to revise current police Power Ordinance so as to have more force in stopping this. Board is to review.

Election Update – Zenz gave board an update, this election will definitely be one of a kind. Over 1200 absentee voter ballots out, the precincts having to be set different to adhere to the CDC guidelines and still in line with the State Election laws. The Township did qualify for \$3,000.00 from the Cares Act from the Federal Government to purchase certain items for the election, but was informed last week that we should not plan on receiving everything for the August Primary. Howe is working on making sneeze guards for each precinct to protect the election workers.

State of Emergency – this was extended until August 11, 2020 and this does allow Townships to hold meetings by Zoom. The regular August Township Board meeting which is August 11, 2020 will be by Zoom.

Trustee questions – Bray wondering about the status of the property on Mt Hope Road, Stormont has not heard back from Todd Lekander. Howe will put post and chains across the

entrance so that the parking lot cannot be used anymore by patrons of Mugg & Bopps. Loveland will be sending out check for the basketball post and goals and the money will be borrowed from the Sports – n – Trails fund and reimbursed from 5 Healthy Towns when they become more staffed. Howe stated that split rail fence will cost approximately \$2,300.00 for material only. The decking over wet land needs to be removed and another plan put into place, Howe is looking into this and will keep board posted.

Motion by Bray and supported by Bednarski-Lynch to adjourn the Work Session at 10:10 am.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk