

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
September 11, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

**Board Members Present by Roll Call:** Bray, Lester, Zenz, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan. Absent: Loveland.

**Also Present:** Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, Village President DeBoe, Brock Spink and approximately 20 public.

**Pledge to Flag** recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** Brennan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Bray. Motion carried.

**Public Comment: Richard Murphy** – thank you for PA system and thank you to clerks department for recount very impressed with the process. **Marilyn O’Leary** – Question about Administration Fee spoke about at last month’s meeting and if new Township Hall will the public have a vote on this.

**Minutes:** Bray made a motion to approve the August 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and August 27, 2018 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Lester. Motion carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 59,299.17 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 16,195.25. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Brennan, Bray, Lester, Zenz and Stormont. Absent: Loveland. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bray made motion to accept and file Treasurer’s Report as prepared. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried. Stormont asked for prayers for Loveland as he was with his wife in the hospital.

**County Sheriff Report:** report filed as prepared by Officer DeLand.

**Assessor Report:** Report was filed as presented by Assessor DeBoe.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Report was filed as prepared by Administrator Lammers. Stormont discussed the meeting Lammers had with Jeff Burrell, Target Trucking-Bohne Road mining operation on August 21, 2018.

**Planning Commission Report:** Hopeful to approve Solar Ordinance on September 13, 2018 and set Public Hearing for October. Hope to start looking at parcels to match current master plan.

**Chief Building Official Report:** Accepted and filed as printed.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** none.

**Recreation Board Report:** Next meeting is September 19, 2018.

**Correspondence:** Stormont responded with answers to B. Harper letter dated July 10, 2018.

**Old Business: a) – Mt Hope Road Township property sale - update** – waiting to hear from our email requesting a “memorandum of understanding” and then this would go to the Planning Commission. **b) – New township Office - committee** – A committee has been formed: Senior Center-Annie Lavergne & RoxAnn Jarrell, Village-Dave Keener, Joe DeBoe & Carolyn Rees, Township-Scott Bray & Bill Lester, and 2 from community will be chosen. They will begin working on plans and reporting to the boards. **c) – Charitable Gaming License Resolution – Friends of Grass Lake Township** – There are still some issues that need to be resolved before the board can move forward with approving. Stormont is working with the “Friends”. **d) – Bohne Road Gravel Pit – update** – explained earlier and in Lammers report. **e) - Election Recount – update** – see attached statement read.

**New Business: a) – 2016 Election FOIA** – Zenz explained the latest FOIA request the Township has received in regards to the November 8, 2016 General Election. (copies of voted ballots, reason if ballot not counted, AV information, provisional ballot information) Zenz estimates cost to be \$3,100.00 and has sent a good faith estimate with an itemization sheet explaining the cost and now waits for a check for 50% of the cost before she will actually start completing the FOIA request. **b) – Calderone re-zoning request – AG to R1 & future PUD** – Brock Spink showed proposed plan of a 4 acre parcel to be split into 4 one acre lots and then the proposed plan of developing remaining parcel with a PUD. The Planning Commission approved the re-zoning but Jackson Region 2 denied the re-zoning. Sewer line will run down Willis Road for infrastructure throughout the PUD development if approved. Motion by Stormont to approve re-zoning of 4 acre parcel to R1 from AG with intention of PUD on rest of property. Supported by Lester. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stormont, Lester, Bray, Zenz, Butterfield and Brennan. Absent: Loveland. Motion Carried. **c) – DEQ meeting at Sports-n-Trails Park** – The meeting was on August 28, 2018, Stormont waiting to hear back exactly what will have to be done to bring everything up to date in the minds of the DEQ. Brennan asked who will pay for any of the expenses, he feels the Summer Youth League should. **d) – Assessing Reform Resolution** – Motion by Bray to pass resolution to Oppose House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025. Supported by Zenz. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Zenz, Lester, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan. Absent: Loveland. Motion Carried. This is in opposition to a proposal the Department of Treasury has developed to amend state laws related to the roles and responsibilities of Michigan Township Assessors. **e) – New PA system – update** – Old system was used and will continue to be used as long as it works. **f) – Senior Center Ping Pong** – Board has no objection to letting the Senior Center add additional night – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – to their schedule. **g) – Assistant in Assessor’s Office – Douglas Kelley** – Motion by Stormont to approve the hire of Douglas Kelley as Deputy Assessor with starting pay of \$14.10 per hour retroactive to September 10, 2018. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stormont, Brennan, Bray, Lester, Zenz and Butterfield. Absent: Loveland. Motion Carried. **h) – MTA on the Road – Regional Meeting – October 18, 2018, Chelsea, MI** – any board member wanting to attend must let Zenz know before September 18 so early bird reservation can be utilized.

**Fire Department Report:** August report accepted as prepared by Chief Jones.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business: a) – Mutual Aid Agreement between Fire Departments** - Motion by Stormont to approve Mutual Aid Agreement between Fire Departments in Jackson County. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. **b) – New Firepersons** – Motion by Bray to hire Tyler Bigford and Karly Kiely as new firepersons to the department. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried. **c) – New Cadets** – Motion by Bray to hire Katie Walesby and Jack Schultz as new cadets to the department. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried.

Chief Jones and Jordan Votzke are attending a “Train the Trainer” class on the new radio system, which in turn they will train our department. New truck cab and chassis should be finished by end of October, with complete vehicle being done sometime in February or March.

**Public Comment: Dale Fisher** – thanked the Fire Department for jobs well done. **Carl Wells** – is 25 member roster enough? **Star Warren-Crowdis** – compliment to the Fire Department – well respected in the community. **Nancy Prindle** – Logistically how long does a gravel mine operate (as long as material to mine) and how long has Bohne Road Gravel been operating? (20+ years) New people who would be occupying the Township Hall need to be charged. **Robert Kraft** – has a plan been turned in for the old Cedar Knoll property? (no) **DeBoe** – CPI expected to be 2.5 this year. She will be attending a Damage Assessment class in Lenawee County on September 13, 2018. **Star Warren-Crowdis to Diane** – How does the 20% re-assessing work (explanation given)

**Adjournment:** Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk