

**GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 29 & October 1, 2020**

The following meeting was held electronically using Zoom.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Stormont, Bray, Zenz, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Butterfield and Brennan. Others in attendance: Jim Howe, Diane DeBoe, Doug Lammers and Greg Jones.

Meeting called to order via Zoom by Supervisor Stormont at 8:06 am.

Road Millage Information Meeting - October 5, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Events Park.

Lost connection with Bednarski-Lynch.

Live Township meetings and also use Zoom – for the October regular board meeting, we are looking into how this will work as we currently can have only 26 people in the meeting room and that includes the board members and other staff that attends the meetings. Thus need enough for the public.

Village/Township DPW contract – update – Brennan and Loveland have attended another meeting, a couple more meetings are planned with the hope that an agreement amongst the sub-committee can be reached so that the information will be presented to both boards at the November Board meetings.

#20-09 Text Amendment for mining – update – The Planning Commission needs to review the comments from the Jackson County Planning Commission before being voted on by the Township Board.

Medical Marihuana Ordinance Draft #3 – This was placed on hold, Stormont has not heard back from the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan or the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney. Things are changing on the site on Wolf Lake Road and some odor is present. Joe Smith has been in contact with the owners on Michigan Avenue.

Mt Hope Road Township Property Sale – Stormont checking with Lekander to make sure that Tims Lake Association has reviewed plans and then will be forecoming to the Planning Commission. Sale needs to happen.

Fire Station – bids were sent out to three contractors, one stated not enough time, one did not respond and one that was received was from Jasons Painting from Chelsea, MI. A special meeting will be called to approve or disapprove this quote as they feel they can still do the painting in October.

LRUA/SCMUA – update – A ZOOM Meeting will be held on October 1, 2020 at 10:00 am to continue the discussion of by passing Leoni Wastewater Treatment Plant and going to the City of Jackson for public sewer.

Park Update – Sports & Trails - Basketball hoops are all installed. Waiting for bid for the line painting. Bray would like to have the people that paint the soccer lines possibly do it or Jim Howe himself. Bednarski-Lynch want Howe to contact Randy Cole. Allen Brothers will be installing the split rail fence week of October 15, 2020. Waiting to hear from Lester Brothers when walkway may get repaired. 2nd week of October is the last ball tournament and then water will be shut off after that. **Disconnected** from ZOOM. The Rec Board is looking as raising the rental fees for usage of the baseball and softball fields.

Disconnected from ZOOM. Loveland left meeting.

2021 Budget work sheets – Stormont distributed to the department heads.

Disconnected from ZOOM.

Motion by Zenz to close work session and resume on Thursday, October 1, 2020 after a Special Meeting at 8:45 which will be posted to make decision on the fire station painting bid due to major issues with the connection with ZOOM and the internet. Supported by Butterfield.

Continue Work Session from September 29, 2020

Stormont called work session to order at 8:54 am. Board members present: Stormont, Zenz, Loveland, Butterfield, Bray and Bednarski-Lynch. Absent: Brennan.

LRUA/SCMUA – update – Stormont presented a Resolution of Response to SRI Settlement Proposal that he wants the board to look over.

2021 Budget Work Sheets – Department Heads need to start working on these and have some numbers back to Stormont by October 13. Zenz will work on entering if time before the election, otherwise will not be until after the November board meeting.

Solar Farm approval – this was recently passed by the Planning Commission. Township website has more information on where the materials come from and how designed.

Dale Fisher compliance – update – meeting all the requirements laid out by both parties Attorney's. Zenz asked for an explanation of fee that was received and how agreement was arrived at. Lammers explained.

Uphaus court order – update – Lammers commented on the progress made and what the Judge's order was.

Senior Center – come back to the office on November 10, 2020 but look at the executive order what stipulation might be in place at that time. Need to wear mask, take temperature, document everyday who is in the center, sanitize often.

Election Update – Zenz gave board an update on the election, currently over 1500 absentee ballots have been requested and sent out. Adding a 2nd Absentee Counting Board, the Assessor’s Office and the Supervisor’s office will be used for the election. Grass Lake Charter Township has never seen this volume of absentees before. Zenz has asked that no staff other than the Clerk’s department be working on Election Day.

Motion by Bray and supported by Bednarski-Lynch to adjourn the Work Session at 10:00 am.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk