

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Bray, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, and 7 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Lesinski moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Hart. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Correction to Work Session Minutes of July 22, 2014, under the heading "Jackson County Book" should read "in return we would receive 50 books total". Hart moved to approve the July 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes, July 22, 2014 work session and July 22, 2014 special meeting minutes with corrections. Supported by Brennan. Yeas – Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan, Bray – abstain.

Presentation of Bills: Lesinski made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$49,214.56 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$7,403.08. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland reported that the Fire Station Construction Loan was paid off on July 30, 2014. \$34,487.48 came from the Fire Building Fund and this was then closed out and balance of \$101,693.78 came from the Allocated Fire Savings, a total payoff of 136,181.26. Hart made motion to accept and file the report as presented. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried.

Assessor Report: Received IFT application from Tenneco and American Tooling, Public Hearing on August 26, 2014 for them. Report filed as presented.

Zoning Ordinance Report: accepted and filed report provided by Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: none, no meeting in July.

Whistlestop Park Report: Hart reported that they are working on Heritage Day, there will be a train display again this year. Joe DeBoe gave update of the final Music in the Park on Wednesday nights.

Recreation Board Report: No meeting in July. Received Income Statement from Grass Lake Summer Youth League thru June 30, 2014.

Correspondence: Perfectly Legal: Disclosure & Lawful Expenditures class put on by MTA will be on September 18 at Battle Creek, any board members wanting to attend need to notify Zenz.

Old Business: **a)** – Consumers Energy Easement request – Property owners north of park not happy about clear cutting of trees, so nothing is happening at this time. **b)** – Cemetery Tree Trimming Bids – East – received bids from Johnny's Tree Service and Hudson Tree Service, will contact Hudson Tree Service to have clarification of their bid due do a large difference in prices. **c)** – Grass Lake Regional Chamber Partnership Committee Task Force – Ben Dandrow will be at the Township's work session on August 26, 2014 to go over items he is working on with other committee members. Next meeting of the

Task Force is August 13, 2014 at 6:00. **d)** – Private Road Land Division issue – Stormont and Lammers have spoken to Attorney Fahey and have received a written response, board needs to read and will discuss at work session.

New Business: a) – Tenneco IFT – Public Hearing at 8:30 am on August 26, 2014, also for American Tooling IFT. **b)** – Grass Lake Park Manager – draft job description – Stormont passed out a job description he has prepared. He would like the board to review and we will discuss at a later date. **c)** – Mortimer Property transfer – DeBoe found discrepancy in legal description, it has been corrected and given to Chuck Artz to draw up the correct paperwork. **d)** – Joe Smith liability insurance coverage – According to Insurance Agent Kevin Decker, Joe is covered under the errors and omissions on the policy and also any fill in inspector that he might have. Kevin will be sending a letter for our records stating such. **e)** – Jackson County Book (Dale Fisher) contribution – Dale Fisher was in attendance to explain and show some pictures that will be in his new book, he is asking the Township, Grass Lake Village, Grass Lake Schools, DDA and Chamber of Commerce to be a sponsor for \$1,000.00 each. He will dedicate 8 pages of the book to Grass Lake, in return these 5 sponsors would receive 50 books total. As he says “Grass Lake is Heart of America”. Stormont made motion to become sponsor of Jackson County Book at \$1,000.00 with money coming from Repair & Maintenance Account # 101-265.000-930.000, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. **f)** – Painting bid for 8 dugouts – Motion by Loveland to approve the quote from Coppernoll’s Hardware for \$ 570.50 for paint material and \$ 200.00 labor cost for a total of \$ 770.50, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call Vote – Yeas all. **g)** – Cemetery mowing issues – Tabled, no meeting has been held with JMS. **h)** – Purchase Playground Structure – grant funds – A playground structure was found but it is not a commercial grade so Stormont did not recommend purchasing for the Sports-n-Trails. **i)** – Culvert and Drain clean out bid – as part of 2014 Grass Lake Community Grant, a trail will be constructed from Lake Street to Sports-n-Trails Park, a culvert is needed to connect this portion of trail to the Township property/ball fields. A proposal has been received to install the culvert, and the entire drain which is about 1 mile would be cleaned out at no cost to us. Stormont still checking to see if the cost of the culvert would be covered under the grant money. **j)** – Joint Services – Exploring the possibilities of sharing services with the Village. **k)** – Fishville Cemetery – Arvin Butterfield presented a letter to Stormont from American Title Company of Jackson, suggests that Grass Lake Charter Township has ownership of the 1 acre cemetery. Mr. Butterfield has been mowing the cemetery and does not want to do it anymore. The board will discuss how to care for it at later date.

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

Old Business: a) – Block work on northwest corner of building is complete.

New Business: New fire truck chassis is in at Grass Lake Chevrolet, as soon as all paperwork is in place the truck will be transported to Spencer Manufacturing for completing the vehicle. DNR truck will be returned to them and any equipment that can be re-used on new vehicle will be done.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted as printed.

Hearing Officer Report: none

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report: Brian Sturgill continuing to work on violation letters sent out earlier, solid fence being erected around property on Wolf Lake Road.

Public Comment: Phil Wiard from Island asked about any ordinance to take care of the tall grass in lot next to his property that has not been mowed all year. Also, inquired about the many weeds that are back in the lake, he will work with Stormont about seeing what has to be done to start up another weed

removal program if needed. Joe DeBoe reminded everyone again about the Grass Lake Regional Chamber Partnership Meeting on August 13, 2014.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk