

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

**Board Members Present by Roll Call:** Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan. Absent: Adams. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, Zoning Administrator Lammers, County Commission Lutchka and 4 public.

**Pledge to Flag** recited.

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

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:** Lesinski moved to approve the March 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes and March 26, 2014 work session and special meeting minutes. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$46,937.95 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$15,645.27. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas – Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont Lesinski and Brennan. Absent: Adams.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lesinski made motion to accept and file the report as presented. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried.

**Assessor Report:** received as presented.

**Zoning Ordinance Report:** Administrator Lammers reported of activity he worked with in March.

**Planning Commission Report:** Lesinski reported of Tenneco update.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** Hart reported no meeting was held in March.

**Recreation Board Report:** T-ball field and southwest corner ball field at Township are in need of diamond dust. Check received for damaged fence on Willis Road.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Modern Waste announcing a "Value Added" service for their commercial customers.

**Old Business:** **a)** – LDFA Project List –Stormont looking at water, sewer connections and utilities as a project list for the Development Plan. **b)** – Cemetery Road bids due April 17 – currently 3 bids have been received by the Clerk's office. **c)** – Planning Commission Project List – The Planning Commission is to prioritize and prepare a timeline on the punch list presented to them and present it to the Township Board at their June Meeting. **d)** – Tennis Court Maintenance – cracks are not any worse, still some problems. 2 new tennis nets will be ordered and Steve Moyer will install when they come in.

**Business:** **a)** – Business Expo – thoughts for future – Chamber looking into this, a new event coordinator will be in place for next year and also maybe just one day. **b)** – Connection Fee – legal opinion – Draft amendment to Sewer Ordinance for upgrades to system, received response from Attorney Fahey. Stormont needs to know the direction the Board wants to take. **c)** – Mt Hope Road property – currently

deed restriction that a rescue station be built there. Tims Lake Preserve Association needs to provide a written agreement to change the restriction and work with prospective new owner. **d)** – Lakeside Drive property for sale – Stormont has been approached about the possibility of the Township being interested in purchasing the Garrett land-west of the Township, the land would join onto the east property line of the Sports and Trail Park. **e)** – Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates revised Fee Schedule – Stormont made motion to revise the fee schedule to read: Establishment of IFEC District-\$100.00, Process Application-\$500.00, Request for Extension of Time-\$100.00, Request for Revision-\$100.00 and Transfer of Ownership - \$500.00. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Report:** accepted printed report as prepared by Chief Jones. Jason Vlack has completed Firefighter I & II classes. David Sherwood – will be certified from the Career Center for Firefighter I & II class next month. Application received from Julie Sherwood, she needs medical certification only. Also application from Christopher Sherwood who would come on as a cadet and will attend the Career Center for his Junior and Senior year and become certified when that class is completed. Motion by Hart to accept the applications of Julie and Christopher Sherwood. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried. Jones also inquired about Doreken on Cedar Knoll Drive hooking up to the public water system.

**Chief Building Official Report:** accepted as printed.

**Hearing Officer Report:** none

**Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report:** none

**Public Comment:** Commissioner Lutchka gave an update on the Cascades, Fair Grounds and Labor Contracts at the County Level. He also announced that he will not seek re-election for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District County Commission Seat. Joe DeBoe announced the Farmers Market & Music in the Park on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Thursdays, starting May 7. Diane DeBoe announced the Next Door Neighbor – a site for social media information.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk