

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

**Board Members Present by Roll Call:** Bray, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Lesinski. Absent: Brennan. Also present: Fire Chief Jones and 1 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:** Bray moved to approve the January 13, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, January 27, 2015 Work Session and Special Meeting minutes. Supported by Hart. Motion carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$33,102.09 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$12334.11. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Lesinski. Absent: Brennan.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bray made motion to accept and file Treasurer's Report presented by Loveland. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried.

**Assessor Report:** no report, but the Assessing Department is printing assessment notices. Board of Review will start March 10.

**Zoning Ordinance Report:** filed report as presented.

**Planning Commission Report:** Lesinski reported no meeting for February, but will meet in March.

**Chief Building Official Report:** accepted as printed. Deputy Clerk had prepared a flow chart of new homes over the past 10 years.

**Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report:** none.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** no meeting was held.

**Recreation Board Report:** no meeting was held.

**Correspondence:** \$5,000.00 grant was awarded thru the Risk Reduction Grant Program from Michigan Township Participating Plan. The grant will be used to purchase five (5) security cameras for the soccer fields at the Sports-n-Trails Park.

**Old Business:** **a)** – Cemetery Lawn Cemetery Mowing Bid – update – corrections were made from the Work Session, notice of bid package available in The Grass Lake Times and on the website. Deadline for submission is February 23, 2015. **b)** – Volunteer Energy quote for natural gas update – Bray stated we saved \$16.00 for the year 2014, he feels we need to stay with Volunteer Energy for the time being as we are saving \$1.25 per month, he anticipates that eventually we will switch back to Consumers Energy. **c)** – Ken Huhman Ordinance Violation update – nothing done, Loveland asked about the letters that were sent out to 3 other properties last year wondering if their violations have been taken care of. This will be looked into. **d)** – Grass Lake Senior Center – update – Stormont received back the agreement he had prepared from the Grass Lake Steering Committee with some revisions, he has forwarded this to the

Township Insurance Agent asking to look at the revisions and let us know if ok to move forward with signing the agreement. **e)** – Planning Commission Updates – Wood Burning Ordinance and Accessory Structure in Ag District setbacks are still being discussed at the Planning Commission.

**New Business:** **a)** – Grass Lake Weed Assessment District –update – Stormont will be working on the time line schedule for getting the process started. He has received enough signatures to move forward. **b)** – New Storage Building Sports-n-Trail Park – GLSYL – Stormont asked for approval for the GLSYL to move forward with erecting a new storage building where the current storage building is. Loveland reiterated that nothing can be started until plans for the building and site are bought back to the board for the final approval. **c)** – 2015 Recreation Plan – community survey will be in The Grass Lake Times this week, on the Township and Schools websites and in various locations around the community. Special Meeting will be March 18, 30 day public review will be March 23 thru April 23, Public Hearing April 28 and final approval of the plan at the May board meeting.

**Fire Department Report:** accepted reported as presented by Chief Jones.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** The new 2015 Chevy Silverado has been picked up. Chief Jones asked if the Department could keep the Dodge DNR vehicle as this keeps the department eligible for the State Grants when they become available. Hart made motion to keep the DNR vehicle. Due to no support to the motion, Hart withdrew his motion. The board felt that a motion was not necessary. The board also felt the advantage of keeping the truck far outweighed sending it back. The cost of insurance will be looked at and if down the road it is felt that it is becoming a money trap we will discuss the issue.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk