

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 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, Grass Lake Village President DeBoe and 2 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: Loveland moved to approve the December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$36,337.61 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$9,591.36. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan.

Treasurer's Report: Bray made motion to accept and file Treasurer's Report presented by Loveland. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried. Loveland apologized to the board for not having a detailed receipt report ready. Loveland stated that he is having Anna Loveland help to get caught up since his farm accident on December 15.

Assessor Report: Filed report as presented by Assessor DeBoe.

Zoning Ordinance Report: filed report as presented.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski reported no meeting for January.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted as printed. Zenz reported that Temporary Certificate of Occupancies have been issued to American Tooling and Tenneco.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report: none.

Whistlestop Park Report: no meeting was held.

Recreation Board Report: no meeting was held.

Correspondence: Conservation District Annual Meeting.

Old Business: **a)** – RFP for 2015 Cemetery Mowing – Stormont passed out the revised bid proposal, board needs to review and advise of any changes. **b)** – IGS vs Volunteer Energy quote for natural gas update – Bray stated no updates. **c)** – Ken Huhman Ordinance Violation update – nothing done.

New Business: **a)** – Resolution – Andy Hirst Memorial Softball field – Motion by Lesinski to offer the resolution and seconded by Hart. Roll Call Vote – Ayes All. Motion passed. **b)** – Jackson Community Foundation Grant – The Township has been awarded a grant of \$4,250.00 from the Foundation. This will help purchase a playground structure at the Sports and Trails Recreation Park. **c)** – Grass Lake Weed Assessment District – This will be a 5 year process with 51% approval of the parcels. Currently out of 66 parcels, 35 approvals and 1 disapproval has been received. The process will start in March or April. **d)** –

Grass Lake Senior Center – Joyce Sager was in attendance as a Grass Lake Community Member to promote the Grass Lake Senior Center Satellite Program. After a brief history presentation Sager asked that Grass Lake Charter Township allow the building to be used for 2 years with no rent. Stormont has drawn up a Usage Agreement and wanted the board and Sager to review. The board will discuss this in more detail at the January 27 work session. **e)** – C2C update – (Cradle 2 Career) Stormont passed out information about this council which he is a member of. **f)** – LRUUA update – Stormont passed out agenda for next meeting, minutes from last meeting and general information. **g)** – Planning Commission Updates – Stormont made motion to make changes to “Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau” Ordinance: Section 1 #3 – change word Dilapidated to “Dangerous” and add Section 1 #6 – “Zoning Ordinance” to coincide with language in the Zoning Ordinance Section 19.07, C. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried. Wood Burning Ordinance and Accessory Structure in Ag District setbacks are still being discussed at the Planning Commission.

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

Old Business: none

New Business: The Fire Department now has a facebook page. Bray is working with Brent Jones and Chief Jones is approving everything before being submitted. There are strict blocks in place.

Public Comment: President DeBoe talked about the upcoming Winter Fest and Chili Cook-off on January 17, 2015, Business Expo on March 21 and 22, 2015 and also invited the Board to the Chambers monthly business meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Hart stated that the list of Township Board Members and phone numbers that was passed out has some wrong information.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk