

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2014

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

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

Minutes: Hart moved to approve the June 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes, June 24, 2014 work session and June 24, 2014 special meeting minutes. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Loveland made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$73,752.99 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$13,145.90. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas – Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan.

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

Assessor Report: IFT application received from Tenneco on June 30, 2014, the board will work on it at the July Work Session.

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

Planning Commission Report: none

Whistlestop Park Report: Hart reported that Dave Wolfinger will be painting the shed.

Recreation Board Report: Meeting with Chelsea Wellness to go over the grant money received and how it has been spent so far this year. The soccer group would like to see a Pavilion erected on the soccer side of the park, vending machines at the Township for 3 months of season play, mirrors in bathrooms at park-Hart will install. It was suggested that Ducks Unlimited be contacted to possibly put in boardwalk at park.

Correspondence: Equalization Report and MTA letter thanking Township for membership renewal.

Old Business: a) – Amendment to Sewer Connection, Use and Rate Ordinance – Amendment to Ordinance No. 04-03 was moved by Stormont and seconded by Loveland and was adopted with Roll Call vote all members Aye. This will be effective upon publication. **b)** – Mt. Hope Road Township Property – waiting for closing date. **c)** – Adoption of Rezoning Parcels on Willis and Knight Road – Motion by Hart to rezone 2 (two) parcels from Light Industrial (L1) to Single Family Residential R-2. Parcels involved are 9875 Knight Road, parcel #000-10-19-200-004-01 (24 acres) and 9871 Knight Road, parcel #000-10-19-200-003-00 (2.44 acres), supported by Loveland. Motion carried. **d)** – Huhman property – Site visit was done on June 26, 2014 some improvements have been done on the property. Loveland, Lesinski and Hart will draft a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Huhman to let them know what additional cleanup is expected. **e)** – Grass Lake Regional Chamber Partnership Committee Task Force – Lesinski reported on the two

meetings attended. A very positive group, common goals of everyone involved, Economic Development one of the main focuses. Next meeting date is August 13, 2014. **f)** – July 12, 2014, tire recycle at the Township Parking Lot.

New Business: **a)** – Cemetery Tree Trimming Bids – received two bids, have two more companies to contact. Table until the July work session. **b)** – Corner Post for Cemetery Driveway corners – Zenz will get estimate costs to place split rail fence on corners of driveways. **c)** – Address issue – Willis Road and Mt Hope Road – Received application from Cross Family on road name suggestions, this will be forwarded to Scott Ambs at Jackson County. Continue to work on the Mt Hope Road issue. **d)** - Administrative Policies & Procedure Manual – change bid amount – Motion by Brennan to change the contract cost of \$2,500.00 to \$7,500.00 in Chapter 2, Section 2.13 Expenditure Control, Letter C “Written Quotations and Sealed Bids” supported by Loveland. Motion carried. **e)** – Warbritton Farms LLC – resolution – motion by Stormont to offer “Resolution Confirming Township Attorney’s Authority to enter into settlement agreement”, supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote – ayes all members present. Resolution declared adopted. **f)** – New Public Complaint Form was presented – confidentiality line removed. **g)** – Consumers Energy Easement request – Stormont explained request from Consumers Power for new easement, more discussion on this matter before a decision will be made. **h)** – Trustee Candidates – 3 letters of interest were received – Anna Loveland, Frank Seaburg and Scott Bray. Brennan, Zenz and Lesinski will be the interview committee. Interviews will take place Thursday, July 17 starting at 3:30.

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

Old Business: **a)** – Fire Building Mileage Debt Reduction – Loveland prepared a Payoff Analysis Sheet, after discussion Stormont moved to pay the Fire Fund Construction Fund Debt off with Fire Fund Operating Fund Money, the auditor needs to be called to make sure of the process in doing this first. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried. The remaining 4 years of the bond will be collected and this will continue to go towards cost of new equipment.

New Business: none

Chief Building Official Report: accepted as printed.

Hearing Officer Report: none

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report: none

Public Comment:

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk