

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, May 13, 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, and 4 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Hart moved to approve the April 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes, April 22, 2014 work session, April 8, 10 & 22 special meeting minutes. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$43,434.64 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$16,462.92. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas – Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont Lesinski and Brennan. Absent: Adams.

Treasurer's Report: Verizon Site Lease has increased by 3%. Zenz made motion to accept and file the report as presented. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

Assessor Report: accepted as presented.

Zoning Ordinance Report: filed report provided by Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski reported that the PC is working on prioritizing the list created at the joint meeting with the Township Board last month.

Whistlestop Park Report: Hart reported the rentals are going good, three board positions will be available in Spring of 2015, and the dates for community involvement.

Recreation Board Report: Tony Vigo representing the Baseball/Softball League provided a schedule for field use and 1st quarter financial report of the league. Stormont expressed that any capital improvements need to come through the Township Board before work started and also each year field agreements need to be signed, and a copy of General Liability Insurance on file at the Township Office. Dugouts on field 3 and 4 have been donated (approximately \$30,000 of material and labor). Outfield fence and scoreboard for field 3 will also be donated. A letter will be provided to the Township stating the costs so the Townships auditor and insurance agent will have record.

Correspondence: Letter from Jackson District Library announcing the 200th Anniversary of the start of the survey of the State of Michigan and Membership form to the Grass Lake Area Historical Society.

Old Business: a) – LDFA Project List – Owner of American Tooling thinking about possibly developing 90 acres (corner of Mt. Hope Road and Knight Road) into an Industrial Park. Stormont working with him so project can be part of the development plan. **b)** – Cemetery Road bids – after much discussion the decision was tabled until May 20, 2014 at 8:30 at a special meeting. **c)** – Amendment to Sewer Ordinance Rates – Attorney White will be working on this the week of May 19, 2014. **d)** – Mt. Hope Road Township Property sale – no new update status.

New Business: a) – Township Ball Field (2) – bid – Motion by Brennan to approve the proposal from R-N-D Dirtworks for \$ 3,500.00 for additional crushed Asphalt on Willis Road and baseball meal and pregrade on T-ball field and back baseball diamond at the Township Park. Supported by Loveland. **b)** – Township Property (Mortimer) boundary adjustment update – 5 feet will be added to the driveway easement and then deeded over to Ed Eisner. **c)** – Resolution – Right of First Refusal for County of Jackson – Motion by Hart and supported by Lesinski to decline to exercise the Boards first right of refusal for the 2014 Foreclosed parcels located in the Township. Aye – Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan. Absent – Adams.

Fire Department Report: accepted printed report as prepared by Chief Jones. Chief had to leave due to a fire call.

Old Business: a) – Fire Building Mileage Debt Reduction – Loveland reported he had received an opinion from Attorney White and the Township can legally pay off the building early and continue to collect the mileage until 2018 when the bond originally expires. The board will make a decision at a later date.

New Business: a) – Bid to repair NW corner – block wall – A proposal was received from Sherwood Masonry Construction & Repair to remove and replace blocks in corner due to water leakage. Lesinski made motion to accept the bid not to exceed \$3,060.00, supported by Hart. Motion carried. **b)** – Estimate job description to repair Fire Station – Estimate job description received from Chris Payne Construction, LLC, to continue the overhang on the west side and wrap around to the north side of the station, some board members have visited the site. The idea of doing this would hopefully stop the issue of the water leakage and damage being done to the station. We would have to bid the project out if we proceed. **c)** – Quotes for Pickup chassis for Grass Vehicle – Two quotes were received for the chassis, Chief Jones is working on getting the rest of the truck specifications worked out with 2 other bids. The board wants the complete package price before proceeding with a decision.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted as printed.

Hearing Officer Report: none

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report: Skidmore resident on Eastwood Beach going to foreclosure, complaint on Huhmans on corner of Grass Lake and Norvell Roads, need to get a written complaint and then begin the process of clean-up.

Public Comment: Bid from Ed Eisner to repair Mortimer Barn, bid over limit amount so must go out for bids if going to repair barn. He states that clean up around and in barn is complete. Eisner also stated that he will allow access to the barn once he has ownership of the driveway, but that the Township would need to do some work on the last part of driveway in order to get to the barn. Joe DeBoe asking for monetary Sponsorship from the Township for the 6th Annual Grass Lake Traffic Jam'In. Joe also announced that he will be running for the Grass Lake Village President seat in November – if elected he hopes for a great working relationship between the Village and Township.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk