

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 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 and 7 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 October 14, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes, October 28, 2014 work session and special meeting minutes. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$46,174.08 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$13,473.59. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan.

Treasurer's Report: Lesinski made motion to approve Treasurer's Report presented by Loveland. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried.

Assessor Report: none.

Zoning Ordinance Report: filed report as presented.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski reported the Board is working on Outdoor Burning Ordinance and developing plan for LDFA.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted as printed.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report: none

Whistlestop Park Report: Hart reported that the fence around back has been replaced. Tree will be decorated on December 4 at 6:00 with a potluck to follow. Joanne Tricoff is a new board member.

Recreation Board Report: no meeting was held. A lot of things are happening due to the donation of funds to the Summer Youth League, specifically fields 3 and 4.

Correspondence: Start up meeting for a Kiwanis Club in Grass Lake and Thank you letter to Crop Production Services for donation of fertilizer for fields at Sports n Trails.

PUBLIC HEARING – Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment District – The Public Hearing was opened by Supervisor Stormont, hearing one statement for and none against, Stormont then explained the cost of the project to the board. Motion by Stormont to close Public Hearing, Supported by Loveland. Motion carried. see attached additional notes.

Old Business: a) – Consumers Energy Easement request – Mike Bristor and Tim Voss from Consumers Energy Real Estate was present explaining the route. There are two right of way agreements left to sign. The new line will service approximately 1500 resident customers and one line dedicated to Tenneco. There will be lightening protection on every pole and they will be approximately 70 feet above ground.

80 feet clear cut and any danger tree 35 foot or higher beyond the 80 feet will be cut. Substation will be on Tenneco Property. The wire will not hum and existing wires in front of two properties north of the Sports n Trail Park will stay as is. The line will only be upgraded if a need should arise. Property owners Jeff & Maryann Wilson were present and asked questions. Loveland made motion to move forward and sign the Consumers Energy Easement Agreement at the Sports n Trail Park once the final updated copy is received. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote – Yeas - Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Nays – Bray and Lesinski. Motion carried. **b)** – IGS vs Volunteer Energy quote for natural gas update – Bray is still working on this and hopes to have some answers for the November Work Session. **c)** – Ken Huhman Ordinance Violation update – Loveland reported letter was sent to Mr Huhman to contact the Township, no contact has been made so Loveland will be contacting him by phone.

New Business: **a)** – Resolution - Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment District Resolution – Moved by Stormont and supported by Lesinski to pass the resolution for the Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District, Roll Call Vote – Ayes All. Resolution passed. **b)** – Resolution – Street Lighting District – Moved by Stormont to add one new street light at Wolf Lake Road and Page Avenue and one new street light at Wolf Lake Road and Lee Road. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote – Ayes All. Resolution passed. **c)** – Snow Plow – Township and Fire Station Bid - Brennan made motion to collaborate with Grass Lake Village once the formal agreement is in place for snow plowing of Township & Fire Station Grounds for the 2014-2015 Season. Supported by Hart. Roll Call Vote – Ayes – All Motion passed.

Fire Department Report: Chief Jones stated that fireperson David Sherwood has completed both Medical First Responder and Firefighter classes and should be put at full rate of pay. The Department has been doing some recruiting for new members. Bray has offered to help with the social media aspect if needed. Jones also suggested possibly an electric sign in front of station.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Public Comment: Bray stated that Frontier has fixed wires and cleaned up hole by soccer fields at Sports n Trails Park. Jones asked if Township could possibly purchase Huhman Property and then re-sell. Loveland wants to make sure that letters are sent to the 2 bid holders of the snowplowing bids.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk