

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2013

The regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Board Members Present: Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan. Absent: Adams. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, County Commissioner Lutchka, State Senator Bruce Caswell and 2 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Correction to Agenda, name under New Business A is Lee not Ethan and also under New Business under C the word foam should be loam. Motion by Lesinski to approve the agenda with corrections. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Bruce Caswell introduce himself and explain that he will be running next fall for the State Senate 16th District which Grass Lake Charter Township is now under due to the changes from the census in 2010. Lutchka reported that the County 2013 revenues are up and the expenditures are down. 911 Dispatch center will be moving to either the Human Services Building, next to the Medical Care facility or at the Jail on Chandler Road, they would prefer the Human Services Building because of being larger. Also the Sheriff's department is looking at e-ticketing service for faster and accurate service. Federal funding will be available to keep the Airport Tower open.

Minutes: Loveland moved to approve the October 8 Regular Board Meeting and November 5 Work Session and Special Meeting as printed supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$40,149.98 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$24,332.40. Seconded by Zenz. Roll Call: Yeas – Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan. Loveland asked Chief Jones if any personnel from other departments are attending the trainings and if so would there be reimbursement from the respective Departments to help with the invoices for the instructors, the answer being yes.

Treasurer's Report: Lesinski made motion to accept and file the report as presented. Seconded by Brennan. Motion carried.

Assessor Report: No report, Loveland would like to see a report especially with both the Assessor and Assistant Assessor just returning from continuing Education classes.

Zoning Ordinance Report: accepted report prepared by Administrator Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: Hart would like rabbits to be included in the Ordinance Text change that was just recommended by the Planning Commission. Lesinski will get in touch with Lammers to see what needs to be done to make this happen. Lesinski also wants to make sure money is budgeted in 2014 for some items that the Planning Commission is proposing to do.

Whistlestop Park Report: no meeting in October.

Recreation Board Report: no meeting in October, next meeting is scheduled for November 18.

Correspondence: none

Old Business: **a)** - Fence on Willis Road – the cost will be lower than anticipated, slightly over \$ 4,000.00, the fence will probably be painted in the spring to match the existing one. **b)** – 2014 Draft Budget figures – Preliminary numbers were handed out and a work session is scheduled for November 19 at 8:30 am to continuing working on the budget. **c)** – Stormont made motion to approve the General Fund to write check for \$3,000.00 in order to get the Security Cameras installed and then the Wellness Foundation and Summer Youth League will reimburse the Township and then the Par Plan will come through with the balance from the grant money. Seconded by Lesinski. Motion carried.

New Business: **a)** – Lee Santoro an Eagle Scout would like to do a Grave Site Restoration on some of the headstones in the Maple Grove Cemetery as a Community Service Project. He will get in touch with Zenz to find out if there are any family members alive to notify them of his wishes to repair the stones. Brennan will also help him in obtaining supplies and possible ways to repair them. **b)** – Stormont made motion to appointment Jeff Thompson to the Board of Review Tax Board, seconded by Loveland. Motion carried. **c)** – Bid for Bike Park Clay/Loam – Stormont made motion to approve the bid from R-N-D Dirtworks for \$2,243.00 for loam at the Pump Track at the Willis Road Park, seconded by Brennan, Roll Call – Nays Lesinski, Loveland and Zenz, Yeas – Stormont, Hart and Brennan. Motion failed due to a tie. Discussion about the need for correct signage to be up, check with Insurance Company for liability and the procedural way of doing things. Lesinski made motion to approve the bid from R-N-D Dirtworks to build the pump track, seconded by Brennan. Roll Call – Nays Loveland and Zenz, Yeas Hart, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan. Motion carried. **d)** – Any board member wishing to attend the 2014 MTA Convention need to let Zenz know by November 19.

Fire Department Report: accepted as presented by Chief Jones. New firefighter Vlack has completed his MFR classes and has tested out on both the State and National test, currently taking his FireFighter classes. Certified letter to Page Hardware was sent out last week.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted as presented.

Hearing Officer Report: none

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report: citation issued on Warrior Trail has been sent to the Attorney for review.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk