

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 14, 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: Assessor DeBoe, Deputy Clerk Harris and 18 public.

**Pledge to Flag** recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** New Business I – November Board Meeting. Lesinski moved to approve the agenda as presented with addition. Supported by Hart. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Judy McCaslin wanted to thank the board for the support given to her over the years with the Whistlestop Park. She will be selling her home in Michigan.

**Minutes:** Hart moved to approve the September 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes, September 23, 2014 work session and special meeting minutes. Supported by Bray. Motion carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Loveland made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$47,709.16 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$14,774.05. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan.

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

**Assessor Report:** filed report as presented.

**Zoning Ordinance Report:** filed report as presented.

**Planning Commission Report:** no meeting.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** The maintenance plan is being revised, received money from Certainteed to replace fence along the railroad, quote out for step lights.

**Recreation Board Report:** Tony Vigo representing Summer Youth League informed the board of a generous donation the league received for \$150,000.00. The money will be used to upgrade existing fields, build Pavilion, electric and water to soccer fields and finish fields three (3) & four (4).

**Correspondence:** Region Two, Broadband services to rural areas and letter from Judy McCaslin.

PUBLIC HEARING – Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment District – see attached minutes

**Old Business: a)** – Consumers Energy Easement request – Mike Bristor from Consumers Energy Real Estate was presenting explaining the route. Substation will be on Tenneco Property. The two property owners north of the Sports & Trails Park were present. Mrs. Wilson spoke of concern of the line. The line has been moved to the east so their properties will not be affected by the proposed new line. Bray had questions concerning the project and Loveland spoke in favor of the line going in. **b)** – Stormont has worked up a Buildings and Grounds Manager draft job description, he would like board members to review and give comments. **c)** – Outdoor Burning Draft Ordinance was distributed, Stormont would like comments, this is similar to the one presented last month. **d)** – Grass Lake Chamber Partnership Committee update – Stormont distributed the results from the last meeting. The group is wanting to work together to help promote Senior Living, Wellness & Community Center and Business/Industrial

Park. **e)** – Ken Huhman Ordinance Violation update – Loveland reported nothing has been done, he will be putting this top of his priority list. **f)** – Winegar Road Speed Limit update – Response from Joe Michalsky from Jackson County Department of Transportation is to attach advisory speed plates to the curve signs and also include some turn signs. The Township would need to initiate a speed study.

**New Business: a)** – Resolution - Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment District Resolution – Moved by Stormont and supported by Lesinski to pass the Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment, Roll Call Vote – Ayes All. Moved by Loveland and supported by Zenz to pass the Resolution Scheduling Hearing on Special Assessment Roll for Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Special Assessment District. Roll Call Vote – Ayes All. **b)** – Resolution – Marijuana Moratorium – Moved by Zenz and supported by Hart. Roll Call Vote – Ayes All. **c)** – Resolution – Willis Road sewer decision – Moved by Lesinski and supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote – Ayes – Bray, Hart, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan. Nays – Loveland. **d)** – Resolution – Par Plan soccer security cameras – Moved by Stormont and supported by Lesinski. Roll Call Vote – Ayes – All. **e)** - Various Board Appointments – Stormont made motion to appoint Brennan as Township Board Liason and Fred Myall as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried. Still have vacancies on Construction Board of Appeals and Recreation Board in need of 2 or 3 new members. **f)** – Sports & Trails Park donations and Board approval for projects – Motion by Stormont based upon funds received from Summer Youth League work can proceed on a new Pavilion, Field 4 and drain to creek with hope of water and electric going to the soccer fields. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote – Ayes all. Bids have been received for the cost of the projects, the Summer Youth League will write a check to the Sports & Trails and expenses will then be paid from that fund based upon the bids. **g)** – Tire Recycle for 2015 – The program was very successful in 2014, so the Jackson County Conservation District is applying for another grant for 2015, we will participate again this year and the date will be in conjunction with one of our Transfer Station Dates to be established. **h)** – IGS quote for natural gas – Bray has done some research on the company, he will continue researching and also look into the current provider Volunteer Energy and report back to the board. **i)** – November Board Meeting Date Change – Zenz made motion to move the November Board Meeting back to November 11, in spite of the office being closed for Veterans Day. Supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried.

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

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Chief Building Official Report:** accepted as printed.

**Hearing Officer Report:** none

**Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report:** none

**Public Comment:** Nancy Knott wondering what could be done about the burning being done on Island Road where she lives. The office has been working with this and will contact Brian Sturgill about what he observed. Also suggested that she contact the DNR. Mrs. Wilson thanked board for work on the Consumers Power Easement.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk