

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

**Board Members Present:** Adams, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, Zoning Administrator Doug Lammers, County Commissioner Lutchka and 9 public.

**Pledge to Flag** recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** No agenda additions. Motion by Lesinski to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Lutchka reported that the County is working on the 2015 budget. An Ad Hoc committee will be formed to study the project about repairs to the Cascades. The County wide solid waste plan has been completed.

**Minutes:** Hart moved to approve the September 10 Regular Board Meeting and September 24 Work Session and Special Meeting as printed supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Loveland made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$48,285.60 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$7136.68. Seconded by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas – Adams, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan.

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

**Assessor Report:** Assessor and Assistant Assessor are at continued Education classes and will be starting the sales study when they return.

**Zoning Ordinance Report:** accepted report prepared by Administrator Lammers.

**Planning Commission Report:** Meeting scheduled for October 24, 2013.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** Looking into the repair of windows.

**Recreation Board Report:** Minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting were presented for review.

**Correspondence:** Stormont asked the Board Members to review the Municipal Sewer and Water Policy for cessation of service and billing. Received form to add Terrorism Clause to our insurance policy, Stormonts recommendation is not to apply for this. Stormont has received letters from interested parties to buy the cell tower from the Township, Loveland would like him to find out dollar amounts before making decisions one way or the other.

**Old Business:** **a)** – Planning Commission Zoning Ordinance revision – language should be approved at their October Meeting. **b)** – Willis Road Fence – fence is on order, Hart setting up post hole digger and purchase of cement. **c)** – Ida Watson Internment – The Township has currently spent \$7,700.40, Stormont is recommending that we do not try to go any further to recover the Townships costs.

**New Business:** **a)** – Class C Liquor License Resolution, Lemieux Property – Mr. Mike Brown, Attorney representing Mr. & Mrs. Lemieux from Laura’s Catering, Inc. was present explaining the process for acquiring a Class C liquor license, after much discussion Adams made a motion to recommend the application be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Lesinski. Motion carried. This was in the form of a resolution. **b)** – Deputy Clerk appointment – Zenz introduced Gail Harris as her appointment for Deputy Clerk. She will be working 20 -25 hours per week. Lesinski moved that we start her hourly pay at \$12.00 per hour, seconded by Loveland. Roll Call : yeas all. **c)** – Cleaning Bid Proposal – cleaning bid guidelines were distributed and the board is asked to review and then it will be put into a bid format. **d)** – 2014 Budget – Department Heads need to begin thinking about next years budget. **e)** –Park Fertilizer donation – 3 tons of fertilizer was donated for 17 acres by Brian from Crop Production Services of Saline. Stormont will be sending a letter thanking him for the donation. **f)** – Tree landscape for Township – Stormont made a motion to have a Japanese Ivory Silk Lilac Tree be planted in the front yard, west of the sign at the Township Hall. Loveland seconded. Motion carried. Nays: Adams. **g)** – Capital Fund for “Township Defense” – Stormont would like to see the Township set aside funds for attorney fees each year in the budget, it appears that this year the Township has experienced a lot of Attorney Fees. Loveland would like the full board to be aware of possible contact of the Attorney before the fact, so possibly the expenses could be limited. **h)** – Resignation of Dave Adams, Sr from Recreation Board – Stormont made a motion to accept Adams resignation and appoint Elizabeth Moorehead to the Recreation Board, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Report:** accepted as presented by Chief Jones. Two apple trees planted at the Fire Station will possibly be removed and need to be planted elsewhere. Exterior Door painting has not been completed as contract stated. The company will not respond to Stormonts calls, a letter needs to be sent stating in default of contract and send certified.

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

**Hearing Officer Report:** none

**Zoning Ordinance Report:** accepted report prepared by Administrator Lammers.

**Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report:** none

**Public Comment:**

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk