

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 9, 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, Zoning Administrator Lammers, County Commissioner Lutchka and 10 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: Julie Craft representing Little Pleasant Lake Association was available for any questions that the board may have, she asked that the Township Board approve the resolution to go forward with establishing the Special Assessment District for weed assessment. Commissioner Lutchka reported on what was happening at the County level. Harness Racing still pending, establishing a 2 year budget, Address Ordinance has been re-written and working with Lenawee County for shared 911 services. Tom Baird with assistance from the Township Board would like Jackson County Department of Transportation to change the speed limit on Winegar Road from 55 to 35 miles per hour in order for a safe distance for a school bus stop in front of his daughters house.

Minutes: Bray moved to approve the August 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting minutes, August 26, 2014 work session, special meeting and Public Meeting minutes. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Loveland made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$40,354.93 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$7,336.30. Supported by Hart. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan.

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

Assessor Report: no report was available.

Zoning Ordinance Report: Lammers stated new Zoning Maps are being drawn up at the county. Received application for variance to Zoning Board of Appeals, he will follow up with a hard copy of report for board members.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski informed the Commission of possibly being involved in creating a development plan for LDFA and DDA.

Whistlestop Park Report: Hart reported that the fence will be repaired by the members. September 17, 2014 will be the unveiling of the new sign. Jeannette Childs has resigned from the board. Estimate received for 2 lights and lights on steps, they will be LED lights and approximate cost will be \$1,500.00. Funding would come from Township, we need to review the long range expense sheet before approval.

Recreation Board Report: filed report as presented.

Correspondence: none.

Old Business: a) – Consumers Energy Easement request – Property has been staked where poles would go. Bray is opposed to any line going through the property. Stormont will contact Consumers for an

alternative plan and recommended that the Trustees walk property to see the stakes where the poles would go. **b)** – Cemetery Tree Trimming Bid – East – Motion by Stormont to accept bid from Johnny’s Tree Service for \$2,825.00. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried. Budget Amendment - Zenz made motion to transfer \$2,500.00 from General Fund Balance account #101-000.000-390.000 to Cemetery Department account # 101-276.000-801.012 to cover cost of tree trimming in Oakwood Cemetery. Supported by Lesinski, Roll Call vote – yeas all. **c)** – Additional Primer for dugouts – Motion by Zenz to approve the additional primer needed for the dugouts at a cost of \$150.00, supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

At this time Loveland made motion to make an agenda addition to New Business i – Speed Limit on Winegar Road. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

New Business: a) – Water Resource Development Authority – update – not much information, other than for every \$1.00 committed you potentially gain additional \$2.00 from outside grants. **b)** – Kalmbach Road Cemetery survey – Stormont has contacted Al Scheppelman , about a month out before survey could be done. **c)** – Outdoor Furnaces’s – Draft ordinance was distributed, Stormont would like comments back by the next board meeting. **d)** – Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – Stormont made motion to fill vacant seat on Zoning Board of Appeals with Frank Seaburg. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. **e)** – Pleasant Lake Weed District Resolution – Board discussed the weed district and went thru the proper steps to accept petitions, plans and estimates and then adoption of Resolution to tentatively declare intent to create a special assessment district for aquatic weed control in Little Pleasant Lake. Aqua Weed Control, Holly, Michigan will do the treatment. **f)** – Park picnic tables – Stormont made motion to approve quote from “Belson Outdoors” for purchase of 8 picnic tables for Sports n Trails Park, Supported by Brennan. Motion carried. Funds will come from grant money from the Chelsea Wellness Foundation Grant. **g)** 2 Pavilions at Park – Stormont has received a quote for 2 Pavilions for \$3,000.00 each from Chelsea Lumber with shingle roofs. Money would come from the Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing. Hart and Bray thought the roof was to be steel, they will look into this. **h)** – Stormont wants everyone to begin thinking of the 2015 Budget. **i)** – Winegar Speed Limit Request – Loveland made motion to petition Jackson County Department of Transportation for posting of 35 mile per hour speed limit from Village limit to Willis Road. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried.

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

Old Business: a) – Jones asked if new blocks on corner NW corner of building will be painted.

New Business: none

Chief Building Official Report: accepted as printed. Cox property on Bohne Road all cleaned up.

Hearing Officer Report: none

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk