

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Bray, Lester, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Lesinski. Absent Brennan.

Also Present: Assessor DeBoe, Zoning Administrator Lammers and 7 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: ~~Two~~ Three residents from Clear Lake Road expressed concern about the truck traffic, *jake braking, speed of trucks, hours of operation, drivers staying on their side of road, road lines, speed limit signs* generated from Bohne Road Gravel Pit. Lammers has been working on this with the Planning Commission. Their list of concerns was wrote down and will be given to the Planning Commission, Daniel and Dale Behnke from Kalmbach Road were expressing concern about not being able to have two resident homes on one parcel. Lammers has been working with them. The board told them they would need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a decision.

Minutes: Lesinski made a motion to approve the July 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, July 25, 2017 Work Session and July 25, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. Supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Bray made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 57,434.44 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 24,599.28. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bray, Lesinski, Lester, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont. Absent – Brennan. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bray made motion to accept and file Treasurer's Report as presented by Loveland. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Report: Report for May was filed as prepared by Officer DeLand.

Assessor Report: Report filed as presented by Assessor DeBoe.

Zoning Administrator Report: report filed as presented by Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski reported August meeting will be to review Fodor Special Land Use and other items brought before the board.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: Report received from Joyce Sager.

Recreation Board Report: Next meeting will be August 16, 2017.

Correspondence: information from Landmark Dividend about cell tower.

Old Business: a) – Cedar Knoll counter offer - update – no response to counter offer according to Ben Latocki. Current listing has expired. b) – Sandhill Estates – water extension update – Jack Ripstra will begin working on getting updated information to the board. c) – Basketball Bids – From the two bids

received the board feels the cost is much more than prepared to pay, Lester will re-work the bid and bring back to the work session for approval and then re-open the bid process. **d) - Cemetery Release agreement – Kalmbach Road** – Lesinski made motion to accept agreement between Grass Lake Charter Township and Joe & Heather McDougall, they will sign volunteer release form to care for the “Miles” Cemetery on the Township’s behalf. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried. Stormont will ask them to get a price for the fence that they would like to put around the cemetery before it would be erected. **e) – Whistlestop Park Agreement – update** – Bray made motion to accept the amended agreement dated 7-11-2017 between the Township and Whistlestop Park Association. Supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried. Joyce Sager from the Whistlestop Park Association was present with two proposals from D & C Roofing for roof replacement of the gazebo. Motion by Zenz to approve the proposal for \$3,000.00 for the metal roof. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote – Yeas – Zenz, Loveland, Bray, Lester, Stormont, Lesinski. Absent – Brennan. Motion Carried. Funds will come from the Whistlestop Park designated fund balance. Sager will get a formal request and a check will be written for half the amount for materials and balance at completion. **f) - Solar Farm Ordinance – update** – Stormont has been working with Lammers on this issue and has some communication with Consumers. Lammers attended a meeting at Spring Arbor Township, they and Macon Township are working on an ordinance for this same issue. We will wait until there ordinance is complete and then have the Planning Commission look at it and go from there. **g) – Gator Bed Liner – update** – Liner has been ordered and should be available in the next couple of day. We will be getting the government discount.

New Business: a) – Transfer funds – County Park – weed assessment – this transfer is not required at this time. **b) – Fireworks Ordinance Draft** – board feels no ordinance necessary, follow the State guidelines and create a list of requirements and work with the Village. **c) – WOW Internet Service – update** – Stormont still working on this issue, also talking to Comcast about service available from them. **d) – Street Naming Ordinance - draft** – Some address issues have come to surface so looking into possibly opting out of the County Ordinance and do our own parcel addressing. **e) – Deputy Assessor – certification MCAO** – Ashley Fletcher has completed her MCAT training and passed the exam, she is now a certified assessor. Stormont would like the board to consider an increase in pay for her.

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

Old Business: nothing.

New Business: a) – Fire Station bids – pulverize and pave parking lot – received proposals from Belson Asphalt – nothing will be done at this time. Need to visit when working on budget for 2018. **b) – John Votzke – new hire** – received application for new member of fire department. Motion by Bray to hire John Votzke pending proof of physical turned into the Fire Chief. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Senior Center will be at Wolf Lake Yacht Club on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. ChadTough Ball Tournament at Sports-n-Trail Park was a huge success, they plan on having one again next year. Collette Coval a retired IT person told the Township about dedicated wireless networks, Bray will look into this.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm, supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk