

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 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: Zoning Administrator Lammers, Assessor DeBoe and two public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Added Estimate for Laundry Room cabinet repairs at Fire Station from Chris Payne Construction on Fire Department New Business-b and Bill Board option on General Fund New Business-g. Lesinski moved to approve the agenda with additions. Supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none.

Minutes: Bray made a motion to approve the July 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and July 26, 2016 Work Session minutes. Supported by Hart. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 55,771.13 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 18,151.79. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – all. 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 June was filed as prepared.

Assessor Report: Report was filed as presented by DeBoe. Three parcels in the Township that had non-conforming land divisions in the past were presented for the boards information.

Zoning Administrator Report: report filed as presented by Lammers. Lammers gave the board an update on the Huhman case, next court date August 15.

Planning Commission Report: Next meeting August 18, 2016.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: Plans being made for Heritage Day, getting silent auction items. Top Boards removed from fence. Most of the bricks have been raised. New sprinkler is needed for the flower beds.

Recreation Board Report: Meeting on July 20, items discussed were presented at tonight's board meeting.

Correspondence: Stormont gave board update on proposed RFP's convenance of Camp Teetonkah and shared a letter sent to Boy Scouts of America Michigan Crossroads Council.

Old Business: a) – Sports & Trails basketball court grant/location – Bray made motion to accept grant of \$26,500.00 from the Wellness initiative and \$15,000.00 coming from the Consumers easement money received for the basketball courts on the northwest edge of park in and around the pump track, balance of money will be raised through sponsorships from the Grass Lake Summer Youth League and all

money must be received before the project would be started. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – all. Motion Carried.

b) – Digital filing vs hard copy – Zenz and DeBoe are still looking into this. Need to contact the Records Management Department at the State. **c) – Michigan Motor Vehicle Code Ordinance Adoption** – Bray is waiting to hear back from MTA for advice on how to pass the ordinance. We would be receiving revenue for each ticket wrote once an ordinance is passed.

New Business: a) – Wellness 2017 grant - \$10,000.00 – Stormont would like to recommend that sand volleyball courts be installed between baseball fields west of Township Hall, they would serve as an ice rink in the winter. The Wellness Initiative would fund \$10,000.00 towards this project. We will let them know we would like the grant money and then go out for bids which would include lightening and see where the total comes in at. **b) – Water at Cedar Knoll Lift Station-2000 gallon x 6 per year** – Brent Jones speaking for Chief Jones stated that they would rather not tie up a fire truck to haul the water to the station. He recommended Osborn Pool Hauler and they could haul 10,000 gallon at a time. **c) - Soccer Field Sprinklers** - Motion by Lesinski to accept bid of \$11,200.00 by Vertex Turf Development and Irrigation Systems to install sprinkler system on 2 soccer fields. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – all. Motion Carried. Funding would come from \$15,000.00 signing bonus from Cell Tower. **d) – Cell Tower Funds – Sports-n-Trails (65% maint, 20% capital, 10% depot, 5% county)** – these allocation amounts need to be put in place and will be factored into the 2017 budget when work starts on it. **e) – Disc Golf course donation – Stoker** – Skylar Stoker and Bob Stoker of R-n-D would like to donate all labor and design and build the course. They would just like a plaque put up stating what they donated. Loveland would like to see a layout of the plan. This is tabled until work session. **f) – JCDOT – paving plant proposal** – information only, they are looking into their own paving plant. **g) – Bill Board Option** – Opportunity has come to share advertising on a bill board east of exit 150 on I-94 with the Village, Chamber of Commerce and Grass Lake Schools. The cost would be \$200.00 and would be for 28 days. Doug Moeckel from the school is organizing it. Zenz made motion to make commitment for the spring advertisement but no money expended until 2017. Supported by Lesinski. Yeas 6, Nay 1. Motion carried.

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

Old Business: a) – Electronic Sign – Fire Station – Bray reported that the current bid does not appear to be apples to apples with the first bid. More information is needed. This will be tabled until the August work session.

New Business: a) – Donation to Fire Department – letter – Thank you letter to Mr. Alex Pollock from Chelsea, MI for the donation of an Antique 1890 Fire Hose Apparatus, which will be displayed at the station. **b) – Estimate to replace or paint cabinets** – board would like to talk to Chris Payne and Chief Jones before making a decision on estimate received from Chris Payne Construction.

Public Comment: Joe DeBoe reminding board of Farmers Market and Music in Park and also for our continued working relationship with the Village.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk