

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
February 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, Officer Deland, Assessor DeBoe and 10 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: Richard Murphy asked the status of the Bohne Road Gravel Pit working agreement.

Minutes: Brennan made a motion to approve the January 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and January 23, 2018 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Butterfield. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Bray made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 46,129.43 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 14,179.43. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Brennan, Lester, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland gave explanation to page one of his report and also explained some of the tax collection process-Facts and Figures. Bray made motion to accept and file Treasurer's Report as presented by Loveland. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried.

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

Assessor Report: Report filed as prepared by Assessor DeBoe.

Zoning Administrator Report: No report.

Planning Commission Report: A 2017 yearly report was provided by Chairman Hinkle.

Chief Building Official Report: Accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: Report was provided by Joyce Sager, accepted and filed.

Recreation Board Report: none.

Correspondence: none.

Old Business: a) – Sandhill Estates – water extension update – Jack Ripstra is working with Grass Lake Village. b) – Park Maintenance position - update – One application has been received, deadline is February 22, 2018. c) – Solar Farm Ordinance – Region II is still working on this. d) – Township Hall – North Entrance Bid update – the bid package is still pending. e) – Township Lobby Renovation Bid – pending. f) – Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance – adoption – Stormont made motion to approve the Consumers Energy Company Gas and/or Electric Franchise Ordinance which will repeal and supersede the previous Ordinance dated March 8, 1988. Supported by Lester. Motion Carried. g) – 2018 Spring Expo – update – We will participate in the Expo on March 17, 2018, need volunteers during the hours of 10:00 – 4:00.

New Business: a) – Policy & Procedure – would like board to review and discuss at the February Work Session b) – Fiber Optic Broadband – update – Stormont has sent letters and spoke to a person at three providers. Little reported that Survey has been updated, he is to get copy to Zenz to distribute to board members. Stormont wants

board to review the survey. **c) – Re-zoning parcel – introduction Eschelbach property** – Motion by Brennan to introduce the re-zoning request of property at 12443 E Michigan Avenue , ID# - 000-10-34-376-001-03. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. **d) – Cedar Knoll Purchase Agreement - draft** – Motion by Bray to present purchase agreement to purchaser as drafted. Supported by Brennan. Discussion, Bray added to motion to clarify the two different addresses in the agreement. Roll Call Vote – Ayes – Bray, Brennan, Lester, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Nays – Loveland. Motion Carried. **e) – Clerical Assistance – Clerk’s Office** - Motion by Loveland to approve Clerks recommendation to hire Rebecca Brinkman as clerical assistance with starting date of March 5, 2018 at entry level pay of \$14.10 per hour. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote – Ayes – Loveland, Butterfield, Bray, Lester, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business: nothing.

New Business: 2018 AFG Fire Grant Participation – Jones explained grant being prepared by Roe-Comm for purchase of remaining items needed for mandatory 911 Radio Enhancement. Bray made motion for Grass Lake Charter Township Fire Department to participate in the grant application. Supported by Zenz. Roll Call Vote - Roll Call Vote – Ayes – Bray, Zenz, Lester, Loveland, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Nancy Pringle – concerns about a question on Broadband survey stating willing to support and pay increase in their taxes. Robert Kraft – questioning clerical hire. Richard Murphy - questioning the purchase agreement for Cedar Knoll property.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk