

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

**Also Present:** Fire Chief Jones and Officer Rick DeLand.

**Pledge to Flag** recited.

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

**Public Comment:** none.

**Minutes:** Brennan made a motion to approve the January 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, January 24, 2017 Work Session and Special Meeting and February 6, 2017 Special Meeting minutes with correction. (Lester being absent not Lesinski) Supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

**Budget Amendment:** Motion by Zenz to transfer \$905.00 from General Fund Balance acct# - 101-000.000-390.000 to Property Tax Charge Back acct# -101-101.000-964.000 and Motion to transfer \$2,230.00 from Fire Fund Balance acct# - 206-000.000-390.000 to Property Tax Charge Back acct# - 206-336.000-964.000 for bill received from Jackson County for Tenneco Automotive reduction in Taxable Value. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote both motions – yeas all.

**Presentation of Bills:** Bray made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 39,398.15 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 15,690.54. Supported by Lesinski. 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 December was filed as presented by Officer DeLand.

**Assessor Report:** Report filed as prepared by Assessor DeBoe.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** report filed as prepared by Lammers.

**Planning Commission Report:** Lesinski reported no meeting for February. Planning Commission Chairman Hinkle had prepared a report of activity the board worked on in 2016.

**Chief Building Official Report:** accepted and filed as printed.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** nothing to report on.

**Recreation Board Report:** February 15, 2017 next meeting date, list of things to do in park will be presented. Electric is being run to the soccer fields.

**Correspondence:** Stormont gave the board a list of road projects JDOT will construct in the next 4 years. It is noted that Norvell Road is targeted for 2018. (E Michigan Avenue to Phal Road).

**Old Business: a) – Michigan Township Association Conference – April 10 – 13, 2017 in Lansing** – Board members are to review conference material and let Zenz know by February work session if they will be attending so the early bird rate can be utilized.

**New Business: a) – Grass Lake Sewer Operating Agreement** – Agreement is due for renewal, verbally the board wants to continue with the Village doing the maintenance on the sewer. Stormont will be in contact with the Village to see if there will be any rate changes. **b) – Order-Inventory of grinders & basin packages** – Stormont presented a proposal for purchasing 50 grinders, 10 capacitor kits and 10 turnkey grinder packages for a total of \$79,440.00 from Milan Supply Company. Loveland would like us to check with the Township Auditor to make sure no issues with the accounting side of inventory at the end of year. Lester would like Stormont to see if the items could be purchased from any other company at a lower price. Motion by Brennan to purchase the grinder pumps, capacitor kits and turnkey grinder packages from Milan Supply for \$79,440.00 as long as no other company has them for a lower price and we are able to find out within seven days of today. Supported by Lester. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. **c) – Grass Lake Snow Plowing Contract** – Motion by Lesinski to continue the contract with the Village of Grass Lake, but extend the contract for 4 years. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. **d) – Open Air Zoning Amendment issues (Attorney comments)** – the attorney has addressed some issues so this will go back to the Planning Commission and discussed at a later date. **e) – 2017 Stock Outboard Nationals - resolution** - Motion by Bray to offer resolution to support the 2017 American Power Boat Association Stock Outboard National Championships. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. **f) – Par Plan – \$5,000.00 grant – Township Security Cameras** – The Township’s grant request was approved and needs to be completed by August 7, 2017 in order to receive the money. **g) – Active Community Award Finalist** – Grass Lake Charter Township and Grass Lake Village (as one) are finalist for this award and the winner will be announced on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Detroit. **h) – Grass Lake Township road millage question** – Spring Arbor Township is having millage proposal on May ballot and Summit Township is considering one but not in time for the May Election. Stormont just wondering if this is something that the board needs to consider for the future.

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

**Old Business: a) – no old business**

**New Business: a) – USAR response vehicle** – Chief Jones would like to participate but the departments share was not made known until after the 2017 budget was adopted. He wants to ask a few more questions and see if there would be a direct charge to the user or the Fire Department. He will get back with the board at the March Meeting.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk