

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, January 10, 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:** Assessor DeBoe, Fire Chief Jones and one public.

**Pledge to Flag** recited.

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

**Public Comment:** none.

**Minutes:** Bray made a motion to approve the December 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, December 20, 2016 Public Hearing and Special Meeting minutes. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

**Budget Amendment:** Motion by Zenz to transfer \$830.00 from Fire Fund Balance acct# - 206-000.000-390.000 to Fire Fund New Equipment acct# - 206-336.000-980.100, for a gas detector that was approved last year but invoice not received in time to be paid out of the 2016 budget. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote – yeas all.

**Presentation of Bills:** Brennan made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 50,365.08 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 16,238.36. 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 December was filed as prepared.

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

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

**Planning Commission Report:** Lesinski reported next meeting is January 19 and that they are looking at a joint work session with other commissions at Napoleon Township on March 8, 2017. Our Commission is also considering a planner to make sure that changes are being done correctly.

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

**Whistlestop Park Report:** Stormont has contacted Joyce Sager in regards to being the member liaison to the Township Board, there next meeting is in April. She will get back with him after that.

**Recreation Board Report:** January 18, 2017 next meeting date.

**Correspondence:** Stormont gave the board a spreadsheet of Jackson County Decennial Population and an article on Overtime Rule.

**Old Business:** **a)** – Whistlestop Board Liaison – discussed earlier. **b)** – Planning Commission Board Appointment – Motion by Lesinski to appoint James Warbritton to serve on the Planning Commission Board to fill vacancy of Sandra Wymer. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried. **c)** – Board of Review Appointment – Due to not having members sworn in within 10 days of appointment after the December board meeting, Loveland made a motion to reappoint Heather McDougall, Star Mead, Tom Zenz and Todd Baker as alternate to the board for a 2 year term beginning 1-1-2017 through 12-31-2018. Supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried. **d)** – Solid Waste Plan Resolution – County still in need of 67% approval of the plan. Motion by Bray to adopt the 2016 Amendment of the Jackson County Solid Waste Management Plan. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. **e)** – New sign for Township/Senior Center – Stormont presented a drawing that Artvertise had drawn up of what the new sign would look like. The new sign would go over the current sign. Trinn from the Senior Center is working on getting a grant to pay for this. Motion by Loveland to move ahead with the design of the sign presented and have payment come from the Senior Center. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried.

**New Business:** **a)** – **Senior Yard Sale, June 9-10 @ Township** – Motion by Zenz to allow the Senior Center to use the Hall the week of June 6 through June 10 for the purpose of the Garage Sale. Supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried. **b)** – **Cemetery Rate Increase** – Motion by Zenz to add to the current rate schedule Opening and Closing fee for Infant/Child 4 foot or less (vault or not) \$ 285.00 and cost of foundation \$.35 per square inch. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. **c)** – **Appointment of Election Commission** – Motion by Zenz to appoint John Lesinski and Tom Brennan for the term 11-20-2016 to 11-20-2020. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried. **d)** – **Board of Review Training** – will be on February 8, 2017 in Ann Arbor. **e)** – **Michigan Association of Planning** - March 8, 2017 @ 5:30 @ Napoleon – spoke earlier about this in Planning Commission Report. **f)** – **Spring Expo – March 18, 2017** – Motion by Bray to participate in the expo at a cost of \$85.00. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. **g)** – **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.

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

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

**New Business:** **a)** – **Spring Expo – March 18, 2017** - Motion by Bray to have Department participate in the expo at a cost of \$85.00. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. **b)** – **Fire Millage Renewal – currently 1.2294 mils** – much discussion on this. We have two tax seasons before the renewal is done. Attorney Fahey had recommended having election this year for the renewal millage. There will be an election on May 2, but 2 other millage requests on that ballot. Zenz will get in touch with Attorney Fahey to put language together and then the board will make the decision at the January Work Session as to when to have the election.

Jones spoke to board about the new 800 megahertz radio system that has been approved by the County and would be active in 2018.

**Public Comment:** Bray reminded everyone about the Winter Fest January 21, 2017.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm, seconded by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk