

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

### Grass Lake Charter Township

January 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, January 9, 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 17 public.

**Pledge to Flag** recited.

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

**Public Comment:** **Richard Murphy** asked why at the Planning Commission Meeting in December they want to rezone land on the west side of the Township and if the Bohne Road Gravel Pit working agreement was completed or if the public can still have comments on it. **Chris Little** wants to be at our January 23, 2018 Work Session for the board's consideration on some items for a "Broadband Committee".

**Minutes:** Bray made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, December 19 Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Brennan made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 47,108.75 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 15,196.77. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Brennan, Loveland, Bray, Lester, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Revenue check for the year has been received. Tax Collection going rather smoothly. 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 by Officer DeLand.

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

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

**Planning Commission Report:** Rezoning request granted on Eschelbach property and small bathroom approved at Holiday Campground.

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

**Whistlestop Park Report:** none.

**Recreation Board Report:** none.

**Correspondence:** none.

**Old Business:** **a) – Sandhill Estates – water extension update** – Jack Ripstra is almost done with the plan and should be submitting them soon, an invoice was received for the service. **b) – Park Maintenance position - update** – Bray has prepared the job description, Lester felt we should remove "climb into confined spaces" under #4 otherwise looks good. **c) – Solar Farm Ordinance** – Region II is working on an Ordinance and then more information needs to come from Consumers. **d) – Township Hall – North Entrance Bid update** – the bid package is still pending. **e) – Township Lobby Renovation Bid** - pending

**New Business:** **a) – Resignations and Appointments to Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals** – Bray made motion to accept the resignations of Thomas Brennan and Lacey O'Quinn from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried. Motion by Bray to appoint Phillip Scheel to ZBA, term ending 12-31-2020 (Tom Brennan replacement), Danny Hart to ZBA, term ending 12-31-2019 (Lacey O'Quinn replacement), and re-appoint Frank Seaburg and Chris Payne to ZBA for a 3 year term each ending 12-31-2020. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. Motion by Bray to appoint Robert Doerr to Planning Commission, 3 year term ending December 31, 2020, and re-appoint Jere Hinkle to PC for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2020. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried. **b) – 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Review** – Draft chapter is completed, this is an overview of how local transportation plans align with state plans, meeting federal requirements. **c) – Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance Review** – This is just an introduction of the Ordinance tonight. This is something that is done every 30 years with the Township and it allows Consumers Energy Company the right to maintain gas and electric lines in the Township. **d) – 2018 Spring Expo – participation** – Motion by Bray for the Township and Fire Department to participate in the Spring Expo – March 17, 2018. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote – Ayes All.

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

**Old Business:** nothing.

**New Business:** nothing.

**Public Comment:** **Richard Murphy** asked what the 2045 Transportation Plan really means, Stormont explanation main focus to make the roads safer. **Chris Little** had questions about the cost of fire runs and what vehicles are used. Do we receive a franchise fee from Consumers? **Another** citizen would like to know what we are talking about and if packets are available before meeting or could we have some available for the public to view

**Adjournment:** Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk