

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

Absent: Zenz

**Also Present:** Deputy Clerk Harris, Assessor DeBoe, Zoning Administrator Lammers, Fire Chief Jones, Officer Deland, and about 20 public.

**Pledge to Flag** recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** Stormont added the resignation of Dan Clark from the park maintenance position. Loveland moved to approve the agenda with addition. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Bobbi Harper read a letter about issues with the gravel pit on Bohne Road. See attached letter.

**Minutes:** Brennan made a motion to approve the June 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and June 26, 2018 Work Session minutes. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Loveland asked why Fletcher received two pay checks. Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$51,375.57 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$16,452.92. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Butterfield, Bray, Lester, Loveland, Stormont, and Brennan. Absent Zenz.

**Treasurer's Report:** Loveland explained the report does not include an updated amount for the County National Bank accounts due to late arrival of bank statements. Bray made motion to accept and file Treasurer's Report as presented by Loveland. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

**Assessor Report:** No report. Deputy Assessor Fletcher has resigned effective June 22, 2018. DeBoe has been busy training new employee.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Accepted and filed as printed.

**Planning Commission Report:** Brennan reported that a representative from a solar energy company came in and explained some of the verbiage to help with the zoning ordinance. Warbritton made a public apology to the Kraft family.

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

**Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report:** Accepted and filed as printed.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** None.

**Recreation Board Report:** Stormont reported that the Grass Lake Summer Youth League season is over. The Chad Tough Tournament is the weekend of July 13, 14 and 15. There has been clean up and routine maintenance in the parks. A fence will be installed next to driveway at the township office west parking lot.

**Correspondence:** A thank you letter from ISO to Joe Smith was presented.

**Old Business: a)** – Mt. Hope Rd. Property – Stormont is waiting to hear back from owner of Mugg & Bopps, will inform him that cars and equipment are not allowed to be parked on the property due to a liability to the Township. **b)** – Recycle Cost – the recycle bins will be removed July 12 through July 17 due to Friday night fireworks for the Traffic Jam-In. Modern Waste has raised the price of the recycle bins from \$50 a month to \$1,000 a month and the contents are not truly being recycled. The Township was just recently informed of this information. Stormont talked to other companies to see if they would be interested in providing the township with a recycling program, no one interested due to the contents of the bins being “dirty”. Brennan stated that people will be upset if the bins are removed, but they don’t understand the items are not actually being recycled. Bray made a motion to end all recycling at the end of July. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Brennan, Lester, Loveland, Stormont and Butterfield. Absent: Zenz. **c)** – New Township Office – Stormont informed the board that Village Manager David Trent is contacting a facilitator to coordinate a plan. Loveland mentioned there are lots of pros, such as township already owns the property and some board members already have experience with financing. The only con is the cost. **d)** – Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance – Attorney recommended not creating a Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance. It can be costly due to attorney fees every time the Township would have to go to court. Bray made a motion that the Township does not pass a Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance. Supported by Butterfield. Motion carried.

**New Business: a)** – Sports & Trails Security Cameras – Two cameras at the Willis Rd baseball fields and one camera at the Willis Rd soccer fields are not working properly. Also a control box has been pulled away from the soccer shed. A quote to replace all bad cameras and control box was received from Comtronics. Stormont made a motion to have Comtronics replace three cameras and repair control box for \$1,450. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Stormont, Bray, Lester, Loveland, Butterfield, Brennan. Absent: Zenz. **b)** – Election Laptops – At the work session Zenz informed the board about an opportunity to purchase new election laptops as a group with other Township Clerks for a discount. The quote from I.T. Right was presented. Loveland made a motion to approve \$1,700 to purchase three election laptops. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas – Loveland, Brennan, Bray, Lester, Stormont, Butterfield. Absent: Zenz. **c)** – Outfield Fence Township Ball Field – A quote from N.B. Outdoor Services to install an outfield fence on the south field was presented. Loveland asked why the board wanted to confine the field and it was stated it’s more to define the field. Public asked if selling township facility why put more money into the fields? Stormont explained that because a DNR grant funded the fields the area has to remain as recreational. The fence can be paid through the cell tower capital fund. Bray mentioned the extension of the fence along the drive has already been approved. Stormont made a motion to install the fence on the south baseball field for \$1,728. Supported by Lester. Roll Call: Yeas – Stormont, Lester, Bray, Loveland, Butterfield, Brennan. Absent: Zenz. **d)** – Street Light Contract – Lester asked if this was for a special lighting district. Bray asked if the lights were undercounted. Loveland made a motion to approve the standard contract/resolution with Consumers Energy as proposed. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Loveland, Bray, Lester, Stormont, Butterfield, Brennan. Absent: Zenz. **e)** – Conversion of Mercury Vapor Lights – Seven lights need to be changed from mercury vapor to LED. Butterfield was concerned about the displacement of light being the same as before. The public explained that LED lights have improved over the years. Lester stated that Consumers should know what’s needed for the conversion to be the same. Bray made a motion to allow Consumers Energy to change the seven lights from mercury vapor to LED. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried. **f)** – Resignation of Dan Clark – Dan Clark talked to Stormont and explained that his lawn sprinkler business has tripled and would need to resign from the Township park maintenance position. Stormont made a motion to accept Dan Clark’s resignation. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

**Fire Department Report:** June report received.

**Old Business: a)** – none.

**New Business: a)** – none.

**Public Comment:** Village President DeBoe informed the board that this year would be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Traffic Jam-In and would include the Chad Tough tournament, fireworks and shuttle bus from the high school. The board was asked the status of fixing Norvell Road. Stormont said the official word is that the Jackson Department of Transportation is ready to go, they are waiting on a permit from the DEQ.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm, seconded by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Gail Harris, Township Deputy Clerk