

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, July 11, 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, Officer Rick DeLand and Assessor DeBoe.

Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Bray wanted Old Business a-Cedar Knoll Listing to be a closed session after new business of Fire Department. Lesinski moved to approve the agenda with addition. Supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Public Comment: D DeBoe on behalf of Joe DeBoe wanted to thank the board for all the support for this year's Traffic Jam-in, preliminary numbers show a gross of 40% more than 2016.

Minutes: Bray made a motion to approve the June 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, June 27, 2017 Work Session and June 27, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Brennan made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 55,487.13 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 10,684.18. 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 Lesinski. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Report: Report for May was filed as presented by Officer DeLand.

Assessor Report: Report filed as presented by Assessor DeBoe.

Zoning Administrator Report: report filed as prepared by Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski reported no meeting in June and not sure about July.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: no report.

Recreation Board Report: List of completed items and items still to complete was presented. GLSYL spreadsheet of funds.

Correspondence: Medical Marijuana, Par Plan letter explaining dividend distribution.

Old Business: a) – Cedar Knoll Listing – moved to after Fire Reports **b) – Sandhill Estates – sewer & water plan** – After much discussion, Loveland made motion to move forward with getting the permits and working with Jack Ripstra to start the water main construction project to Sandhill Estates Phase 3, funding can come from the current balance in the water fund. Supported by Bray. At this time Lester asked to abstain from voting on issue, due to his Company owing the remaining lots. Lesinski made motion to allow Lester to abstain from voting, supported by Zenz. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote from first motion – Yeas – Bray, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski & Brennan. Abstain – Lester. **c) – RFP** –

Basketball Project update – Corrections to bid package are being made: add rebar, state thickness of pad and remove request for sidewalks. **d) - Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Personnel** – Stormont has spoken to Patrick Morris and he is interested in doing maintenance around the park and buildings. Bray made a motion to hire Morris for \$13.75 per hour subject to a completed application turned into the clerk. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call Vote – Yeas – Bray, Lester, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski & Brennan. Nays – Loveland. **e) – Whistlestop Park Agreement – update** – Stormont passed out the current agreement with some modifications, board will look over and finalize at work session.

New Business: a) – Gator Bed Liner – bid – Lesinski is going to look into a government discount at Napoleon Lawn-n-Leisure. Two quotes were received – Spray in Rhino Liner & John Deere. Brennan made motion to purchase the hard plastic liner from John Deere (Napoleon Lawn-n-Leisure) for \$340.00 or less. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. **b) – Mel Parker Resolution (abandoned road)** – Jackson County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution abandoning a parcel of land between lots 23 & 24 in Ed List Subdivision. The Township passed a resolution offered by Bray and Supported by Zenz to vacate the same as it was determined that the public roadway serves no useful purpose. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. **c) – Kalmbach Road Cemetery** – Stormont still waiting to hear from Township Attorney for language needed for an agreement, once complete should record something on the parcel with Register of Deeds so it will follow with property if ever sold. **d) – Solar Farm Ordinance - issue** – Some questions about this has come up and currently is not permitted in the current zoning. Lammers and Hinkle are working on this and are attending a meeting in Spring Arbor Township about the issue. **e) – Diabetes Prevention Program** – keep in the morning as it currently is. **f) – Patrick Morris – parks employee** – covered under Old Business D.

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

Old Business: nothing.

New Business: Application was received from Pierce Shivley, he has all paperwork turned into Chief Jones and has all his training. Jones has gear that will fit him so no new purchase will be necessary. Motion by Bray to hire Pierce Shivley as a member of the Fire Department. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lesinski for the board to go into closed session at 7:30 pm to discuss the Cedar Knoll Listing. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lesinski to reopen regular board meeting at 7:55 pm. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lesinski to counter offer on Cedar Knoll Listing @ \$160,000.00 plus closing costs and any other related real estate fees to be paid by the buyer. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk