

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

Also Present: Assessor DeBoe, Fire Chief Jones and 2 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: none.

Minutes: Bray made a motion to approve the June 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and June 22, 2015 Work Session minutes. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$40,350.07 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 20,853.07. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Hart, Bray, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan.

Treasurer's Report: Lesinski made motion to accept and file Treasurer's Report presented by Loveland. Supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Assessor Report: no report, discussion on PTA funds, Ruth @ Equalization will be back in office on Thursday DeBoe will contact her. Four Townships that she did contact do not collect the fee. Possible solution for collecting the funds will be to send two invoices and then place on taxes as a special assessment. More discussion at next work session.

Zoning Administrator Report: filed report as presented.

Planning Commission Report: none.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted and file as printed.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report: none.

Whistlestop Park Report: Hart was unable to attend the last meeting.

Recreation Board Report: Next meeting – July 15 @ 7:00.

Correspondence: none

Old Business: **a)** – Weed Treatment-Grass Lake – update – first treatment was to be July 14, more milfoil than anticipated. **b)** – Police – Village/Township option Update – Bray has been in contact with Captain Bisard and waiting to hear back as to when and if he can attend a meeting. **c)** – 5 year Recreation Plan – Resolution – Motion by Bray to approve the Grass Lake Area Recreation Plan 2015-2019 edition. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried. **d)** – Traffic Jam'In Contribution – A request for service and invoice should be coming from the Grass Lake Chamber. **e)** - Blight Ordinance Issue – update – Zenz and Loveland reported on the results of the meeting that they attended with Bob Smith from Summit Township. They would like to recommend that Stormont and Lammers work on areas of our Ordinances that need improving as recommended by Smith. **f)** – American Tooling Center employee parking lot –

update – Lesinski feels the Planning Commission needs to send a letter to American Tooling as a follow-up to Lammers contact with the company. This will be addressed at their July 16, 2015 meeting. **g)** – Tennis Court repairs – Stormont has not been able to make contact with Jackson County Park’s Manager, he would still like to see the county help pay for part of the repairs. **h)** - Stormont presented a GIS picture showing where the north field on the Township property would be moved to in order to make adequate room for the driveway to the new parking lot and the placement of new playground equipment. Chelsea Wellness Foundation has donated the money for the new playground equipment.

New Business: **a)** – American Tower proposal – they are now the owners of the Verizon Tower, they have given up some options for payment. Brennan made motion to accept their “Option 1” and continue with a payment of \$1,299.87 with an escalation of 3% every year until 2058 and a \$15,000.00 signing bonus for the rent of tower. Supported by Hart. Motion carried. **b)** – Sewer Ordinance – update – Conversation is happening in regards to the possibility of re-financing, raising rates and making changes to the sewer ordinance in order to help off-set the cost of pump replacements and the rising cost of repair bills coming from Leoni Township. **c)** – Planning Commission members – update – Lesinski stated that he has spoken to K Elliott and that he would like to remain on the board. Stormont still trying to make contact with Elliott. **d)** – PTA funds – update on process – talked about this in Assessor’s Report. **e)** – Plan Review change/Additional Electrical Inspection - Application and contracts – Zenz would like to amend Keith King and Tim Basore contracts so they would be paid \$ 55.00 per hour for any commercial plan review. State code has required an additional Electrical Inspection for new home construction. Motion by Zenz to add “Concrete Encased Electrode” inspection to Electrical permit application at a fee of \$ 55.00. Supported by Hart. Motion Carried. Zenz made a motion to amend the Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical contracts commercial plan review to read: “the inspector will be paid \$55.00 per hour” and make the charge on the applications to read: \$65.00 for 1st hour and \$55.00 each additional hour. Supported by Hart. Motion carried. **f)** – Building Ordinance 01-04 Amendment – Zenz made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 01-04 to state that the Township enforces the Michigan State Construction Code. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried. **g)** – Zenz made a motion to do a budget amendment to increase 101-209.000-818.000 contractual services by \$1,000.00 from 101-000.000-390.000 Fund Balance to cover expenses by Automatic Imaging. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call – yeas all. **h)** – Current Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments were passed out to the board to review so they will be prepared to take action at the next board meeting.

Fire Department Report: May and June report received.

Old Business: **a)** – none

New Business: **a)** – Lesinski made a motion to approve Ryan Davidson’s fire application and Frank Henry ‘s fire application contingent on Chief Jones receiving all the necessary paperwork from him. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Ed Eisner asking about lake weed treatment and new driveway along west side of township property. Joe DeBoe reminded the board about Farmers Market and Music in Park and thanked everyone for support and or participation in the Traffic Jam’in. Diane DeBoe stated approximately \$31,000.00 was netted for the non-profits at the Traffic Jam’in. The DDA inquired about generic signs on the highway showing what stores are at Grass Lake. Leroy Darwin building renovation will begin in approximately two weeks.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk