

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
March 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, March 13, 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 and 12 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 concerned about the Bohne Road Gravel Pit, Jonathan Contreras has been in contact with MDEQ and was to be at meeting to explain his findings.

Minutes: Bray made a motion to approve the February 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and February 27, 2018 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Butterfield. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Bray made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 53,233.18 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 16,904.37. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Loveland, Lester, Zenz, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland stated tax collection over and will be settling with County this week, 2nd revenue sharing check slightly over what was expected. Zenz made motion to accept and file Treasurer's Report as presented by Loveland. Supported by Butterfield. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Report: Report for February was filed as prepared by Officer DeLand.

Assessor Report: No report was prepared for tonight's meeting. Board of Review is this week.

Zoning Administrator Report: Report was file as prepared by Administrator Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: Brennan reported some language was taken out of the proposed text amendment for Agricultural Businesses. The next meeting is Thursday, March 15, 2018.

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 – Board approved moving forward in July 2017 with the project. At this time Lester asked to abstain from voting on any decision the board would make due to his Companies involvement in the development. Zenz made motion to allow Lester to abstain from voting on any issue of the water extension. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried. Loveland made motion to accept the estimated bid cost of \$ 82,000.00 from Ripstra & Scheppelman for the water main construction. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. **b) – Park Maintenance position - update** – applications are being reviewed. **c) – Solar Farm Ordinance** – Region II is still working on this. **d) – Re-zoning parcel – Final Adoption Eschelbach property** – Brennan made motion to approve the re-zoning at 12443 E Michigan Avenue, parcel #000-10-34-376-001-03 from GC-General Commercial to R-1 Single-Family Residential except for a strip of land approximately 567.12 x 1456.41

along Michigan Avenue that will remain GC-General Commercial. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. **e) – Cedar Knoll Purchase Agreement – update** – The board is firm about recouping the cost of clean-up of the property which was \$ 150,000.00. Motion by Brennan not to accept the counter offer from Dakota Real Estate LLC. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. **f) – Bohne Road agreement** – A gentleman’s agreement is being worked on, hopefully will have a signed copy later this week. **g) – Broadband – update** – Approximately 200 online surveys and 100 written surveys have been received. A high % in favor of a formal feasibility study being done. Full results will be later in April after the deadline of survey is due.

New Business: a) – Tire Grant Program - DEQ – they have received the grant and would like us to provide them with a date. The board thought April 28, 2017 which is also a Trash Saturday would be the best. **b) – Construction Board of Appeals – re-appointment** – Stormont had spoken to John Boroughf in December about continuing with his seat on the board. Motion by Stormont to re-appoint John Boroughf to the Construction Board of Appeals with term ending December 2019. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business: Jones gave update of the new towers being constructed throughout the county due to the mandated radio upgrade to 800 megahertz. Foundation and electrical work is finished.

New Business: none

Public Comment: Richard Murphy – disagree with way the board is doing the Bohne Road agreement, feels like being done behind closed doors and lack of transparency, wants public input. Elizabeth Tomkin – With what Stormont is saying, keeping a secret from the public. Carl Wells – Gentleman’s agreement, no legal document, how can it be enforced? Jonathan Contreras – Has had contact with the MDEQ, a violation was issued to Target Trucking and they have not responded to the violation in the time frame allotment. He will leave information with the Township Clerk. Richard Murphy – The Township should be asking questions and requesting information from the DEQ, we should be more informed. Chris Little – asked if any response from the letters sent to WOW, Frontier or Comcast about broadband issue. Joanne Ackerman asked about the time line for Norvell Road construction to begin.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk