

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, March 14, 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, Assessor DeBoe and 3 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: Joe DeBoe would like support to help cover either the promotion or Police coverage for the 9th Annual Traffic Jammin on July 7 & 8, 2017.

Minutes: Loveland made a motion to approve the February 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and February 28, 2017 Work Session minutes. Supported by Lester. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Bray made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 38,764.25 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 9,347.62. Supported by Brennan. 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 Zenz. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Report: Report for February 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 for February. Planning Commission Chairman Hinkle had prepared a report of activity the board worked on in 2016.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: nothing to report on. Next meeting is in April.

Recreation Board Report: March 15, 2017 next meeting date, list of things to do in park will be presented. Bray reported that the wind storm of March 8 tore the bulletin board into pieces and loosened the electrical panel from the storage building.

Correspondence: Letter from Prosecuting Attorney Jarzynka, re: Medical Marijuana.

Old Business: a) – **Open Air Business Text Amendment** – Planning Commission is still working on the amendments. b) – **Wellness Grants – Basketball (\$26,500.00) & Volleyball (\$10,000.00)** - The Township has received the checks are were deposited in the Sports-n-Trails Fund in March.

New Business: a) – **Grass Lake Village Sewer Contract** – A new attachment A was received with the current equipment rates for 2017 and increase of labor as of March 1, 2017. Need to check on the labor

increase compared to a letter received in December 2015 stating what the 2017 rates would be. **b) – Assessing Field Work Staff** – 4 or 5 applications have been received. The Assessing Department will be in contact with the applicants after Board of Review is finished. **c) – IVS Bid – network drops for Township** – IVS Comm has submitted a quote for \$3,410.00 to clean up and run all new network drops for the Township. Since receiving the quote they have lowered the price to \$3,000.00. Bray made motion to upgrade the Network Drops for \$3,000.00 with IVS Comm. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. **d) – Merit Fiber Optic Internet option** – Stormont waiting for information from them. **e) – Sports-n-Trail Sign repair, gator (budget items)** – Motion by Brennan to accept quote of \$1,000.00 from Artvertise to clean existing surface on south side of sign and re-apply vinyl graphics with a clear coat. Support by Bray. Roll Call Vote – Yeas All. Motion Carried. A quote from Napoleon Lawn & Leisure was received for a gator for use at the Sports-n-Trail Park. The Board had approved an amount in the 2017 budget. Brennan would rather see the board purchase a utility style golf cart, he will look into prices and styles and get back with the board. This item was tabled for further information. **f) – Video Camera Grant – Township Office & Park** – The Township’s grant request was approved from Par Plan. Stormont had presented a quote from Comtronics for camera’s on both sides of Township Hall Building and also to have camera’s placed inside the office. After much discussion the board would like Stormont to get a quote from Tyco and see what their mega pixels are per camera and also check with Par Plan to see if the grant would still be honored if money was used for cameras inside the building as long as the quote specifically states ball fields. **g) – Michigan Federal Project funding** – invasive species – Stormont has received some information that funding might be available in 2018. **h) – Road funding presentation** – Stormont had attended a meeting in regards to how Townships can fund road projects. Stormont will check with the Panel of experts to see if they would be interested in coming to our work session in March. **i) – Bid for Sports-n-Trails bathrooms** – Stormont is working on getting quotes for bathrooms here at the Township Hall fields and south end of building. **j) – Firearm Discharge Enforcement** – Information was given to the board from Township Attorney and what currently is enforce through Public Act 451, Part 419. This will be discussed at a later date. **k) – Vacation calculation revision** – Zenz passed out new benefit schedule and asked board members to look over and get back with her with questions so it can possibly be adopted at the March work session. **l) – Gift coupons for 2017 Spring Expo-** Zenz made motion to approve 3 - \$100.00 gift certificates from Franks’ Shoprite as drawing giveaways.

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

Old Business: a) – USAR response vehicle – Motion by Zenz to participate in the USAR response vehicle with Summit Township and other jurisdictions within the County and pay our share of \$1,817.52 in 4th quarter of 2017 or budget in 2018. Support by Lesinski. Motion Carried.

New Business: a) – Fire Department Administrative Policies - updates – An update to page 9 Conditions of Employment and page 11 Disciplinary Procedures has been revised by Chief Jones and other minor typo errors. Zenz made motion to accept the changes as presented, Bray and Loveland had questions about some parts of the document that still was not correct and should be looked at. Zenz withdrew her motion for lack of support. Jones will get with Bray and work on getting the items cleaned up and bring back to the board.

Stormont wanted to go back to item b – Old Business, and asked if the board wanted to move forward with the Basketball and Volleyball Courts. Lester asked if any specs were put together and wanted to see what plans were available. The board still has more questions about this. For lack of information the items were tabled.

Public Comment: DeBoe told the board of the 5th Annual Music in the Park and Farmers Market in the Events Park that will be built this year.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk