

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, May 12, 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: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe and 2 public

Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Shared Police Service with Village and Traffic Jammin to New Business d and e. Lesinski moved to approve the agenda as presented with additions. Supported by Zenz. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Brennan moved to approve the April 13, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, April 28 Public Hearings, Special Meeting, and Work Session minutes. Supported by Hart. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$48,414.96 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$17,218.95. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Hart, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Lesinski and Brennan.

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

Assessor Report: Verbal report - day to day work, Ashley Fletcher working out good, learned very quickly, APEX, and is currently training on the field work.

Zoning Administrator Report: filed report as presented.

Planning Commission Report: none.

Chief Building Official Report: accepted as printed.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report: none.

Whistlestop Park Report: Bricks in one square will be raised and new sand brought in and then the bricks relayed to see how long this will take. Looking into LED lights for inside the depot. Will check to see if program is still going on thru Consumers. Getting an estimate for refinishing the floor and doors. Hart repaired spindles in Gazebo and rod iron fence on railroad track side.

Recreation Board Report: no official report. Garage is completed, drainage tile is in, asphalt millings have been placed around the buildings. Field #3 is being played on and field #4 will soon be ready for play. Back stop fences will be extended 6 feet. Sprinklers will be fixed and new ones put in on fields 3 & 4. Majority of these projects have been through the anonymous donor.

Correspondence: Consumers Energy will be conducting field survey of existing streetlights in the Township. "Leader in Me Day" at Grass Lake Schools June 3, 2015. Letter from auditor in regards to 2014 audit. The township will have a Post- Election Audit in Precinct 1 and the State will be doing a polling place accessibility survey for each precinct. Trevor McGinn who has spent 150+ hours working on the trail system in the park was in attendance and expressed great frustration in the damage being done to the directional signs he has made and erected on the trails, brush being deliberately put on the

trails and large stones he paid for and brought and placed along the trail were taken. He is looking for some ideas on how to stop this activity. Suggestions might be lock gates, put signage up saying park under surveillance, and try to get the building up with the security cameras in place that a grant was received for.

Old Business: **a)** – 5 year Recreation Plan - Motion by Stormont to adopt the Grass Lake Area Recreation Plan 2015-2019 edition, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call Vote – Ayes all. **b)** – Grass Lake Weed Assessment District – Offered by Stormont the resolution to adopt the Special Assessment Roll for the Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District. Supported by Hart. Roll Call Vote – Ayes all. **c)** – Revised Demo Permit Requirements – Motion by Bray to implement the Demolition Permit Requirements as presented, supported by Loveland. Motion Carried.

New Business: **a)** – New Township Parking area bid – Stormont presented a site drawing and quotes to put a new Parking Lot in on the Mortimer Property, after much discussion Zenz made a motion to table the item so that more thought can be put into it. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried. **b)** – Resolution for Notification of Release of Right of First Refusal – 3 foreclosed properties have been identified in the Township by the County, motion by Bray to pass the resolution that the board declines to exercise its “First Right of First Refusal” for these parcels. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call Vote – Ayes all. **c)** – Donation to the Grass Lake Weed Assessment – Motion by Stormont for the Township to donate \$1000.00 for the upcoming Weed Assessment from the County Park designated money. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote – Ayes all. **d)** – Shared Police Service with Grass Lake Village – Joe DeBoe was present and asked that the board consider going 50/50 with the village in paying for services from the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department. Much discussion followed, the board will continue to look into the benefit of this service in the Township. **e)** - Traffic Jammin – DeBoe also asked for a contribution again this year for this event. The board will look into the availability of donating due to some discussion with Township Auditor and Attorney earlier this year.

Fire Department Report: accepted report as presented by Chief Jones.

Old Business: **a)** – LED sign – Jones has not looked into this anymore. This item will be discussed throughout the year, but at this time no action will be taken.

New Business: **a)** – Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement – Chief Jones explained the purpose of this. Motion by Zenz for Grass Lake Charter Township Fire Department to participate in this agreement. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Ed Eisner working on the trail behind Township to creek, a path needs to be made in order to get over the swamp to the pond. Diane DeBoe stated that approximately 200 were in attendance at the first Farmers Market and Music in the Park, also thanked Whistlestop for letting them use the Garden Shed for Farmers Market tents, directional signs will be put up soon. Renovations on the hotel will begin sometime in late May or June. The elevator at the Coppernail will be available for use hopefully by August, need to get variance from State first. Joe DeBoe reminded us that Farmers Market is from 5 pm – 8 pm and Music in Park is 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm and for other information to go to glchamber.org.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk