

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

**Also Present:** Assessor DeBoe, Officer DeLand, Joe DeBoe-Village President, Marc Breckenridge-Government Relations Manager for JCA and approximately 31 public.

**Pledge to Flag** recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** Zenz stated a budget amendment was needed prior to approval of the bills. Bray moved to approve the agenda with addition of budget amendment. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mr Richard Murphy read a letter on behalf of the Friends of Grass Lake regarding vandalism to signs. He also thanked the Clerk's Office for the professional and courtesy manner in which they have treated himself and others of his group as they have been turning in material for the Planning Commission Members for the upcoming meeting. Joe DeBoe stated the Village new Manager's name is David Trent.

**Minutes:** Lester made a motion to approve the September 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and September 26, 2017 Work Session Meeting Minutes. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

**Budget Amendment:** Motion by Zenz to transfer \$7166.68 from Fire Department Fund Balance, line 206-000.000-390.000 to Fire Department, Fire Chief Wages line 206-336.000-702.002 to cover increase of Chief Jones salary starting 9-1-17 per special meeting 8-22-17 for months of Sept thru Dec 2017. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote – Yeas – Zenz, Loveland, Bray, Lester, Stormont & Brennan. Absent: Lesinski. Motion Carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Bray made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 41,742.45 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 16,947.87. Supported by Lester. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bray, Lester, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Absent – Lesinski. Motion Carried.

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

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

**Assessor Report:** Report filed as prepared by Assessor DeBoe.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Report filed as prepared by Lammers.

**Planning Commission Report:** None.

**Chief Building Official Report:** Accepted and filed as printed.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** Minutes of Whistlestop meeting of 9-25-17 was filed.

**Recreation Board Report:** No meeting.

**Correspondence:** none.

**Old Business:** **a) – Sandhill Estates – water extension update** – nothing new at this time. **b) – Solar Farm Ordinance – update** – nothing new, still waiting to hear from Consumers. **c) – Basketball Bids** – Loveland told board that he had changed his mind and felt the location of the courts was not good and should be kept at the schools and he would like the park to stay for trails, baseball-softball diamonds and the soccer fields and that he would be voting no. 2 bids were received on from R-n-D Dirtworks and Karasek Concrete Contractors. Bray made motion to accept the bid from Karasek Concrete Contractors for \$36,720.00 for construction of 1 basketball pad. At this time Lester asked to be excused from voting on the bid as he had helped Karasek write up the bid for dirt work on his bid. Motion by Brennan to allow Lester to abstain from voting on the bid. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried. Zenz supported the motion to accept Karasek Concrete Contractors bid. Roll Call Vote – Yeas – Bray, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Nays – Loveland. Absent – Lesinski, Abstain – Lester. Motion Carried. The project will be paid from Wellness Grant of \$26,500.00 and balance from \$15,000.00 Consumers Easement. **d) – Bid preparation** – hourly rate - \$50.00 per hour – Motion by Zenz to pay \$ 50.00 per hour for any outside person preparing a bid package for any project on the Township Building & Grounds. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. Loveland asked if the motion would include Sports-n-Trails Park also, Zenz stated her motion did include that.

**New Business:** **a) – Jackson Community Ambulance** – Marc Breckenridge, Government Relations Manager with JCA presented JCA At-A-Glance and the new JCA Community Paramedic program. **b) – Park Maintenance position** – this will be tabled as Bray has not been able to work on it with Stormont. **c) – Fireworks Application revision** – A new draft for Fireworks Application Guidelines was presented to the board, everyone is to review and hopefully this can be adopted at our next regular meeting. **d) – Fee Schedule #1.01 revision** – Motion by Bray to change wherever the word bond was in the language to deposit per advice by the Township Attorney. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. **e) – Construction Board of Appeals new member** – Motion by Zenz to appoint Jim Baker to fill open position on the board and to represent the electrical side of the board. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. **f) – Scrap Tire clean-up program** – DEQ Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Program has opened up again. The Township would like to participate again and work with surrounding Townships to make the program more efficient. **g) – Assessor Work Agreement** – Stormont is working on minor issues with Assessor DeBoe and hopes to have ready very soon for signing. **h) – John Lesinski resignation** – Bray made motion to accept John Lesinski’s written letter of resignation dated October 5, 2017 as a Township Trustee and Planning Commission liaison member. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote – Yeas – Bray, Brennan, Lester, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Motion Carried.

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

**Old Business:** nothing.

**New Business:** **a) – none**

**Public Comment:** John Hoskin had some questions about Solar Farm Panels, he lives on Phal Road.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk

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**Dear Mr. Stormont and other Board Members:**

**Friends of Grass Lake Township is a Not for Profit Corporation made up of residents and taxpayers of Grass Lake Township. As you know, we have been involved with the opposition to the proposed L & L Development request for a land use variance to open a mining operation on Norvell Road.**

**As part of our drive we had designed, printed and installed signs for the purpose of making the public aware of this proposal. There are signs that are 4'X 8'. 40" X 48" as well as 250 Yard signs.**

**We want to make the board aware, that over the weekend 3 of the 4' X 8' signs were vandalized and the signs destroyed. An Additional 40" X 48" sign with its backing and frame were removed from its location completely. In addition approximately 30-35 lawn signs were stolen as well as a large wooden sign one resident made and had installed on his property.**

**All these signs were on private property with the owner's permission. The signs were printed in color on plastic material for weather resistance. The total value of this loss has been estimated at \$1320-\$1400.**

**As a result at least 3 Police reports have been filed with the Jackson County Sherriff and appropriate action will be taken. We are offering a**

**\$500.00 reward for any information leading to the arrest and prosecution of those involved.**

**At this time we do not know who was involved but want to make the Township aware of the incidents.**

**Anyone with any information is asked to call the Jackson County Sheriff at 517-768-7900**

**Thank You**

**Richard Murphy  
President  
Friends of Grass Lake Township**