

APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Grass Lake Charter Township Board

August 27, 2018

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

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Doug Lammers (arrived at 8:40 am), Assessor DeBoe, Chief Jones, Bob Hamel and Jim Howe. One Citizen – Dave Johnson. Guest: Deby Henneman

Absent: Butterfield, Brennan and Lester

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Stormont at 8:04 am.

Resident Dave Johnson was present and was upset about the non-routine sewer bill he had received in the mail. He has previously spoken with Stormont and Loveland. The ordinance was explained and that a payment plan can be worked to suit him.

Hamburg Parks & Recreation Coordinator – Deby Henneman – Ms Henneman was asked to attend the work session and explained how Hamburg Township did a change over for the Township to totally be in charge of the parks & recreation department. She shared a lot of information and is willing to share forms, ordinance and any other information that would be helpful for the Township. Bob Hamel will continue dialog with her and report back to the Township.

Township Trustee Vote Recount – update – Zenz reported that the recount will start at 8:00 am Tuesday, August 28. 6 Clerks and Deputies from around the county will be in attendance to do the counting, over seen by 4 Jackson County Board of Canvassers, County Election Director and County Clerk.

FOIA – November 8, 2016 election for President of the United States – State wide Clerks have been receiving the same FOIA request from “Emily”. Zenz working with other clerks in county and Township Attorney in order to process the request.

Township Office PA system – bids – due to complaints received from audience attendees at meetings when everyone wants to talk and not listen, Stormont is looking into a new PA system and had received a couple of quotes. Zenz will research into when the current system was purchased and see if any service could be done on it before purchasing something new.

Woodhill Group – Study Fee – Majority feel we can get some answers without paying someone \$125.00 per hour (even though cost would be shared by the Village). A committee needs to be formed of Township and Village Board members, Senior Center Representative and some public at large. Township needs to decide what they want out of the current building, do we want to sell, rent, or lease. What would be the obligation of Township to Senior Center if any.

Assessing reform proposal resolution – discussion – the board needs to pass a resolution to oppose the House Bill and Senate Bill for the current reform proposed. DeBoe feels we should pass this, all though she does feel a reform of the first reform will happen. This will be at the September Board Meeting.

Lester arrived at 10:10 am.

Cemetery DAR – information request – Judy Van Poperin is working on a grave in the East Cemetery to get it marked with a plaque by the DAR. A letter needs to be completed by the Township for the National office. Board has no objection for Zenz to complete the letter.

Administration fee – Draft Resolution – discussion – Stormont had prepared a draft resolution for the board to review. Zenz feels the board really needs to show and explain to the public the need for imposing this administration fee before putting in place. With budget work sessions around the corner this will be discussed more at this time.

Request for ordinance to operate golf carts in Township – Lammers had received a request from a resident wanting to drive golf cart on Township roads, after discussion the board at this time has no desire to allow this to happen.

Handicap doors east side – quote/grants – Annie Lavergne from the Senior Center has applied for a grant for handicap doors on east side of building. Extra money would need to come from Copper Nail, Consumers and Township. Board would need to go out for quotes if the grant is awarded from the Jackson Community Foundation.

DEQ on site meeting – at the Sports-n-Trail Park on August 28 at 11:00 am.

Facebook Page – Bray would like to establish a Facebook Page for the Township Board/Hall just like the one that has been set up for the Fire Department. He would be the administrator for it. This would be in addition to the web page for announcing notices and meetings and other happenings in the Township.

Brennan arrived at 10:40 am.

IT Right quote – a quote was received from IT Right for 9 APC Backups for each of the desktops in the office. After discussion it was decided that they are not necessary.

Hawkins Grave Marker – Zenz had inquiry to have a stone with a marker on it moved to the East Cemetery on the family plot. The board has no objection as long as it will be placed in a safe manner. Zenz will work with family about the move and also putting a foundation around it.

Bohne Road Gravel Pit – Loveland asked Lammers if meeting has happened. On August 21 Lammers was at the pit, brim is 80 to 90 % complete with trees planted this fall, the roads in pit are chlorided and when life of chloride about done they water them down, a farm fence will be installed along the Bohne Road side, Lammers feels good progress is being made.

Motion by Bray and supported by Lester to adjourn at 11:00 am. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk