

APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
April 23, 2018

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

Absent: Brennan & Butterfield

Also Present: Assessor DeBoe, Fire Chief Jones, and Chris Little

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Stormont at 8:05 am.

Cedar Knoll Property – sales agreement – Updated agreement from Gary Adams was presented. Board members will review this and be prepared for a decision in May.

Grass Lake Broadband Representative – Chris Little was present, asked if any responses were received back from MTA connections or current providers. Little has had contact with CEO of Aspen Wireless, currently in the Traverse City area, who will provide a proposal at no cost. At the boards May Meeting he would like to request to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) based on Lyndon Township Model for feasibility study. 499 responses were received from the survey. 10 municipalities are up and running with broadband. (9 cities, 1 Township) Board would like contact names of these municipalities.

Grass Lake Charter Township Website – Webmaster – A person or persons are needed to update the web as the Clerk's Office is no longer going to do this. Scott Bray will take this over with the help of IT Right.

FOIA Cost – The labor cost for FOIA request needs to increase to \$14.10 per hour, which is the lowest paid employee capable of doing the necessary task. Contracted labor needs to increase to 6 times the state minimum hourly wage rate, which current wage is \$9.25, hourly cost would be \$55.50. Current Attorney costs in assisting with FOIA requests is around \$2,500.00 and is expected to increase. An Official Complaint Notification from Robert Kraft will be addressed at the May monthly board meeting.

Zoning Ordinance – The Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for April 19 was canceled due to not receiving information back from the Attorney in regards to Solar Ordinance. Information was just received from Jackson County Planning Commission in regards to the Agricultural Businesses and Agricultural Tourism.

Dark Store – Escanaba, Mi has been involved in defending the assessment value of a Menards Store "Big Box Stores." Menard's wants the assessment value to be as if the building was empty and not in operation. MTA is looking at asking for contributions to help in the legal battle as it is expected to spread state wide.

Sports-n-Trails issues – Primary and Secondary agreements need to be reviewed and additional comments added if necessary. Responsibility of Recreation Board vs Township Board also needs to be visited.

Mugg & Bops – Still pursuing the interest of Todd Lekander to purchase the lot.

Consumers Lighting Contract – 3rd phase Sandhill Estates – Clarification is needed from Consumers on the current contract date and the \$800.00 cost.

Road Construction – Contract has been received for Bohne Road from JCDDT. HMA prices slightly lower so increase of tonnage. Our cost will be \$13,279.17.

Motion by Bray and supported by Loveland to adjourn at 10:19 am. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk