

## APPROVED WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 24, 2015

The Grass Lake Charter Township Board met on Tuesday February 24, 2015 for their monthly work session at the Township Conference Room. Meeting called to order at 8:30 am. by Stormont.

**Board members present by Roll Call:** Bray, Hart, Zenz, Stormont, Brennan and Loveland. Absent: Lesinski

**Also present:** Assessor Deboe and Zoning Administrator Lammers.

**Craig List Transactions** – Discussion on if the Township should be a public meeting point for these transactions, not at this time but will revisit the idea if a need arises.

**LED Sign at Fire Station** – A quote has been received from Fritz Advertising for a LED sign to be placed in front of the Fire Station. Bray will look at other signs that they have sold and will get back with the board. The sign would be for all community events as well as Township information.

**Cemetery Bid Package** – Two bids were received – Jackson Maintenance Solutions and R-N-D Dirtworks, one bid not complete so the board decided to extend the bid time and go back to each bidder with additional questions that we have and see if they would like to re-bid the project.

**Fire Station Apparatus Room Floor Bid** – Stormont will contact Chief Jones to discuss the bids and see if he wants to visit places that the company has done work at. It should take 5 days to complete the whole project.

**Sewer Tap Fees** – Due to a price sheet received from Lester Brothers for short and long tap fees, there is a need to visit the price that is charged to customers for tap fees when connecting to the sewer. Bray will inquire with other jurisdictions as to the price they are charging and report back to board at our March board meeting.

**Andover Fees** – They have been charged for 71 REU's but notification from them states that there are only 63 houses. Loveland was wondering if we should just reduce the number to what they are saying. It was decided that when the weather warms we will visit the park and do a walk thru to determine the actual number of REU'S that we come up with and then make adjustment before the July 2015 Sewer Billing.

**Debt Fee on Village Line Customers** – The Village has notified us that the debt retirement has been paid off. The board feels we still collect the \$2.00 per REU per month, but it needs to be reallocated as far as where the money will go. The board would like to have it go towards repair & maintenance. Stormont will look into the sewer ordinance to see if there are any stipulations as far as reallocation.

**Township Office/Hall Proposal** –Stormont has had Chris Payne Construction draw up some plans as to making some updates to the building to make improvements if the Township Office still remains here as well as having the Senior Center here, Stormont will have Payne give us some prices on each of the projects and then the Board will decide how to proceed.

**Recreation Millage** - Do we entertain the idea of this especially with the growth at the park, at this time the board does not want to do this.

**Road Millage** – We will wait until after the May Special Election and then have discussion with Jackson County Department of Transportation as to the direction the board will take in this.

**Special Board Meeting** – March 18 at 7:00 pm for the Recreation Plan.

**Grass Lake Weed Public Hearing Date** – Stormont and Zenz will be working on getting this set up.

**Storage Building** – 24 x 30 plans for new storage building at Sports-n-Trails is being proposed by the Grass Lake Summer Youth League. It will be concrete floor with 8' roof extension and divided in half for Township Storage as well as Youth League. The cost would be \$19,000.00 with funds coming from donated money. This will need final approval at the March Board Meeting and funds need to be in the Sports-n-Trail Account of the Township.

**Park Sign** – Stormont presented a picture that Dale Fisher had done to put on existing sign where the donation list is. The picture would help identify the walking trails and help give an overview of the park. Removing donation list is not what the board would like to see happen, so thought was maybe a service project for an Eagle Scout would be to make a map overview of the whole park and place throughout for the identification purposes. Bray will try and make some contacts to see if this might be possible.

Stormont left at this time.

**Zoning Administrator** – Lammers shared a couple of bills that are currently being considered for Regulation of Marihuana Centers, currently we have no language in our Zoning Ordinance for this. The board would like him to have the Planning Commission put this on their list of to dos.

**Assessor Question** – DeBoe asked with the new Personal Property tax law in place did the Township want to continue with the \$700.00 threshold regardless if the taxpayer filed the Exemption Application or not. After discussion the board decided that they would make no changes.

Hart moved to adjourn the work session at 11:10 am, supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Zenz, Clerk