

APPROVED WORK SESSION MINUTES

May 26, 2015

The Grass Lake Charter Township Board met on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 for their monthly work session at the Township Conference Room. Meeting called to order at 8:35 am. by Stormont.

Board members present: Zenz, Stormont, Hart, Bray, and Loveland. Absent: Brennan and Lesinski.

Also present: Assessor Deboe and Doug Lammers.

Village Police Shared Services – Still looking into the possibility of this service. Bray will contact Captain Deputy Bisard on how we can get a run report for the Township and then discuss more the need of the service.

Contribution to Street Jammin – Zenz passed out statement from Attorney Fahey on spending public funds for such an event and “Smart Steps to Lawful Expenditures”. It appears a contract needs to be between the festival committee and the township and funds expended only for the public purposes that are authorized by law. Stormont will check with Joe DeBoe about the needs of money and report back to the board.

Parking Lot – No board member had visited the property, so Thursday, May 28 at 8:00 am members are to meet to walk over to try and get a visual of the area proposed for new driveway and parking lot.

Andover REU’s – Loveland and Zenz had not done a current count, it will be done this week and then brought back to the board and decide after that if anything needs to change.

Polling Place Accessibility – Tracy Smith from the State of Michigan visited all three polling locations and the only changes need to be in the handicap parking spaces and new door handles on the doors at Precinct 2 (Township Hall) and handicap signs at Precinct 1 (Fire Station). A grant can be applied for to pay for the expense of these changes and Ms Smith will fill out the application for us, the Township just needs to get quotes for the expenses and submit to her. Zenz will find out how long we would have to make the corrections, because of possibly waiting to do the parking lot re-seals next year and then re-stripping.

Henrietta Township Open House – The Township has been invited to their Open House on Saturday, May 30 to view the new Township Office and Fire Station.

Cemetery – Zenz informed the board that the mowing line items are going to be over budget. The budget was not amended when the quote was accepted from R-N-D Dirtworks for the mowing of the cemeteries. She will monitor the budget and recommend budget amendments later in the season as needed.

Zoning Enforcement – Lammers has concern with the Townships current Police Power Ordinances especially the Blight Ordinance in how the enforcement is carried out. He has contacted Bob Smith from Summit Township and he is willing to come to the Township and meet with the Board for a minimum fee of \$ 115.00. The board will think about this and make decision at later date.

American Tooling Site Plan – Lammers brought it to the attention of the board that the employee parking lot on the north side of their building was to be paved as part of the final site plan review from

the Planning Commission. Lammers has informally notified them of the violation through an email but has not received word from anyone. The board has directed him to send a formal letter and then report back to the board and they will decide what action is needed at that time.

Motion by Bray to adjourn the work session at 10:15 am, supported by Hart. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Zenz, Clerk