

APPROVED WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 28, 2014

The Grass Lake Charter Township Board met on Tuesday October 28, 2014 for their monthly work session at the Township Hall. Meeting called to order at 8:40 am. by Stormont.

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

Also present: Assessor Deboe, Zoning Administrator Lammers, Grass Lake Village Representatives: Tom Nolte, Paul Lammers and Joe DeBoe.

Joint Services with Grass Lake Village – Discussion on joint services with the Village, such as lawn mowing and snowplowing. Our rate would be hourly for manpower and equipment. The Village is looking at hiring a third additional employee. Michigan Department of Transportation equipment rental rates are used to figure cost of equipment. A general agreement would need to be drawn up between both municipalities. An official decision will be made at the November Board Meeting.

New Township Office/Hall Proposal – Stormont presented a drawing that has been prepared by Covalle Group Architects. Two proposals have been submitted. The board would like to compare the drawings and also make some site visits to Townships with newly built offices. The current Township Office/Hall is currently being proposed for a Community Center. This is still in the very early talking stage and much thought and discussion of the board needs to take place before moving forward with the idea.

Alternate Gas Proposal – Bray is still looking into this and should have a report for the November Board Meeting.

Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace Ordinance – This will be a main topic at our November Work Session, all members have received a copy of a draft ordinance. The Planning Commission will be discussing this at their meeting on October 30, 2014. Main decision is setting distance from structures.

Park Manager Description – This also will be a main topic at the November Work Session. All members have been given a draft job description to review.

Laura's Catering/Clear Lake Grill – Letter was received from Laura & Gene Lemieux requesting an extension on having to pave the existing parking lot and add 2nd driveway. Zoning Administrator Lammers explained situation to the board. The Zoning Board of Appeals placed a deadline of January 1, 2015 to have this done. Due to unforeseeable requirements by the Jackson County Health Department they had not been able to open when they originally had planned. All finals from the Building Department have been issued and they have now received the final approval from the Health Department. They are currently planning to open on or about November 12, 2014.

Stormont left at 10:50 a.m.

Lesinski moved to adjourn the work session at 10:55 am, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Zenz, Clerk