

APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2015

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Stormont, Hart, Brennan, Lesinski, Zenz, and Loveland. Absent: Bray.

Also Present: Assessor DeBoe and Zoning Administrator Lammers

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

Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment – DeBoe revisited the original roll dated April 28, 2015, two parcels: 000-10-29-458-003-00 and 030-10-32-401-008-02 are to be removed and parcels: 000-10-29-451-001-00 and 007-10-32-277-001-00 are to be added. The parcel count remains at 66 as of revised date 9-22-2015.

Outdoor Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters Ordinance – Board reviewed and made changes to Section 4, paragraph G-200 feet to 300 feet, Section 8, paragraph A-blank space “the ordinance” and shall to “may” in the last sentence and Section 10, “Special”. Necessary changes will be made and then the proper publishing of the ordinance will have to take place.

Paul Lammers Lease – Stormont has approached the Lammer’s about a 5 or 10 year lease and what the cost of purchasing the land would be. They have not got back with Stormont.

Pole Barn Repairs – Stormont stated that the materials only to fix barn on the Mortimer property would be around \$1,033.00. Discussion on removing that barn and the barn by the Township Office and build a new one. Stormont will look into the cost of a new barn.

Bids for Millings on West Parking Lot – Stormont is working on getting the bid package together and sent out. This would be for millings instead of grass seed.

Township/Village Police Meeting – with Bray not in attendance, the October 6 date that was suggested at the September Regular Meeting to meet with Officer Bisard will have to be confirmed with Bray.

Grass Lake/Napoleon Sewer Common Fund – Stormont informed the board that the lift stations at Rexford Road and Mack Island Road are in need of repairs/replacement, and also the need to purchase at least 25 pumps at a cost of around \$300,000.00. The Common Fund Board is looking into a Purchase Installment loan instead of going for a bond. Interest would be about the same and the associated costs would be less and also a quicker turn around to receive the funds so the project can hopefully be done yet this fall. They are also looking into amending the ordinance so owners will be responsible for paying for the pumps after 15 years of life if they fail. The usage rates will have to be raised in order to make the required payments of the new loan. Grass Lake is still having conversation with Grass Lake Village DPW for maintenance on the Common Fund lines.

Community Planning Survey – The Planning Commission has drafted a survey for our review, once approved it would go out in the winter tax bills as an attachment and the property owners with escrows would have a separate mailing directed to their mailing addresses. This would also go on our website and put as an insert in the Times. Stormont would like to add a question if a recreation millage would be supported. Comments need to be to the Planning Commission for their October Meeting.

Consumers Energy Grant – Stormont had applied and received a “Tree Grant” for \$2,500.00 or up to \$100.00 per tree. Trees have to be planted and then reimbursement will follow. Must be native plantings and B & G Landscape has given a special price. Bob Hamel will be over seeing this project.

Common Fund Properties Frozen lines - RJT will be repairing the lines at seven different addresses that had problems over the past two winters with frozen lines. The Township will be sending out letters to the homeowners notifying them of work that will begin in October.

Sewer Repair – repairs by Lester Brothers Excavating were done at 590 Morris Drive because of frozen line issues, the homeowner asked for special repairs and now refusing to pay the bill that was sent to him. Stormont has been in contact with him.

Sewer Issue – homeowner on Page Avenue that lives 2 miles from the Leoni Treatment Plant has been complaining about a humming noise. He feels it is coming from the plant. No other resident is complaining of the noise. Last conversation with Stormont was he was going to get an attorney and sue the Grass Lake and Leoni Townships because we have not corrected the problem.

Accessible Voting Booths Grant - Zenz stated that the voting booths had arrived and that the actual cost to the Township would be \$77.25 for the shipping. They have been paid for and the State will now reimburse the Township for the cost of the 3 booths - \$570.00.

Farmers Market – Loveland reported that per the Townships Auditor the Farmers Market money needs to run through their own account. The Township will check some more if we can be just the Fiduciary in order for them to receive grant funding. DeBoe will begin looking into this for the market.

Saturday Transfer Station Days – Loveland wondered if Ted Wheeler should be recognized for all the work he puts in on these Saturdays. The Board will look into this.

Lesinski made motion to adjourn meeting at 10:00 am, supported by Hart. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Zenz