

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
October 13, 2020

The following meeting was held in person and also electronically using Zoom.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Stormont.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Bray (ZOOM), Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan.

Also Present: Assessor Diane DeBoe, Park Manager Jim Howe, Fire Chief Greg Jones, Zoning Administrator Lammers and approximately 11 Public (Zoom and in person).

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Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bednarski-Lynch and supported by Brennan to approve agenda as printed. Motion Carried. Technical issues Bray was unable to be heard.

Consent Agenda Approval: Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept the consent agenda items as printed. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. Technical issues - Bray was unable to be heard.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Zenz to move funds from the Cagney Funds to Fire Checking to cover the purchase of Hurst Edraulic Cutter Package for \$40,335.00. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. Motion by Butterfield to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$67,531.50 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$18,306.13. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas – Butterfield, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Absent – Bray. Technical issues Bray - was unable to be heard. Nays – None.

Treasurer's Report: Zenz made motion to accept and file the Treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. Technical issues - Bray was unable to be heard.

Old Business: a) – Grass Lake Charter Township/Village Road Millage Bond - update – Final information meeting was held on October 5. Federal monies will be used on Lakeside Drive and South Union Street. If millage passes no assessments on taxes until winter 2021. Bednarski-Lynch would like to see the board be more responsive with Lansing on communication and funding for road repairs and maintenance. **b) – Mt Hope Road property closing - update** – Stormont stated that a foot-print design needs to go to Timms Lake Preserve Association in order for them to remove the deed restriction of a municipal building and the plans will need to go to a Planning Commission Meeting for a site review. Board wants a closing scheduled with American Title or put a for sale sign up. **c) – Medical Marihuana – draft #3** – Stormont stated that the legal officials say that not much is enforceable even if we pass a new ordinance. Not much help from local authorities of enforcing the illegalness of growing. Only hope would be on odor that is current with our Police Power Ordinance. The board would like to pursue an Administrative Search, Stormont will consult with Township Attorney. **d) – Gravel Mine Ordinance revision #7 – update** - First official response from Jackson County Planning Commission was sent to Clerk Zenz on September 21, 2020. At Township Board work session on September 29 board wants comments from Jackson County Planning Commission to go back

to Township Planning Commission before the Township will take action on it. Planning Commission will be taking this up at their meeting on October 15, 2020. **e) – Quinn property update – Curtis Road** – no response has come from letters or the Building Department Inspector visits, so a Municipal Civil Infraction Citation will be presented to the owner of the property within a couple of weeks. **f) – Village sewer/water contract – update** – Loveland and Brennan have attended meetings and feel good about being able to accept the new contract. The next meeting is October 19 to hopefully finalize issues.

New Business: a) – Grass Lake Charter Township Web site maintenance update – Stormont has looked into a new company to design a new web site, price came back at \$10,000.00 and that would not include updates. The Board realizes something needs to be different so will be looking into other options. The Clerk's office is unable to continue with doing all the updates.

b) – Resolution to SRI settlement proposal (Southern Regional Inceptor) – after much discussion Brennan made motion to approve Resolution of Response to SRI Settlement Proposal. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call: Yeas – Brennan, Butterfield, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Bray was able to join audio of meeting.

c) – 2021 Budget – work session – 2021 Budget will be worked on at the October 27, 2020 work session.

Fire Department Report: September report received and filed. **a) – Applications for new fireperson** – Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept application of Joshua Horodeczny for regular fireperson, he will start fire school on November 3, 2020 and Casey Simmons as cadet and he is taking training from the Career Center. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Joe DeBoe –Thank you to Loveland and Brennan for work on contract, and to Howe, Jones and firepersons for help on September 26 “Let Freedom Ring” car show. October 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 “Meet the Candidates” at the Events Park Pavilion. Halloween night Trick or Treat 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Bobby Harper – complaints filed through email of Planning Commission decision of SUP for Target Trucking on September 17, 2020. Nancy Smith – representative for State Legislature 65th district. Ruth McDaniels – Planning Commission decision, Jackson County Planning Commission comments and Public Forum on Marijuana issue. Richard Murphy – concerns with Marijuana issue not to let it be forgotten.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk