

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
October 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

**Also Present:** Fire Chief Jones, Officer Deland and approximately 17 public.

**Pledge** to Flag was recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** Brennan moved to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Butterfield. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** – **Marilyn O’Leary** thanked the board for having the East Cemetery section where the grave dedication took place on October 5 looking so nice.

**Minutes:** Loveland made motion to approve the September 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and September 24, 2019 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$69,290.50 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$20,864.77. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Absent: Bray. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Motion by Zenz to accept and file Treasurer’s report as prepared. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

**County Sheriff Report:** Accepted and file as printed.

**Assessor Report:** Accepted and filed as prepared by Assessor DeBoe.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Accepted and file as prepared by Administrator Lammers.

**Zoning Enforcement Officer Report:** Accepted and file as prepared by Sturgill.

**Planning Commission Report:** Brennan stated their previous meeting was the finalization of LI/HC chapter comments that came from Jackson County Planning Commission that the Township Board wanted them to review. Their next meeting will be October 10, 2019.

**Chief Building Official Report:** Accepted and filed as printed.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** Minutes from July and August board meeting were received. Their next meeting will be October 21, 2019.

**Recreation Board Report:** No report was received.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business: a) – Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Program** – A petition drive is currently being conducted by some lake residents, either for or against the assessment is being asked. **b) – Mt Hope Road – Township property sale – update** – Zenz made motion to accept the Purchase Offer from Grass Lake-Mt Hope, LLC for the purchase of parcel #000-10-20-277-010-00 for \$50,000.00 with a check being received for \$25,000.00 as earnest money and balance being received after the Planning Commission approves the site plan for the property. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. **c) – Village sewer & water contract** – Brennan has received a call from Trent and has reached back out to him, Loveland has heard nothing from Trent. **d) – Police Power Amendment-PPO-12 - Michigan Residential Code Ordinance-Final Adoption** – Zenz made motion to adopt Police Power Ordinance No. PPO-12. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zenz, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Stormont and Butterfield. Absent: Bray. **e) – Zoning Ordinance – HC/LI Chapter Text – Introduction** – Motion by Brennan to introduce the new Chapter 13 text language for LI/HC Light Industrial/Highway Commercial District to the Township Zoning Ordinance. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Brennan, Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Absent: Bray.

**New Business: a) & b) – LRUA Resolution – & LRUA Resolution-Amend 1 to By-Laws -** Stormont gave some history of the LRUA (Leoni Regional Utility Authority). Much discussion amongst the board members about the resolutions. Nancy Prindle was allowed to speak and expressed concern to the board being very careful before entering into creating a new authority and the what ifs down the road that could happen. Motion by Loveland to offer the “Resolution Approving Amendment No1 to Articles of Incorporation for Leoni Regional Utility Authority” (this would allow all 13 municipalities voting rights). Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Loveland, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Absent: Bray. Motion by Stormont to offer the “Resolution supporting start of work to form a Regional Sewer Authority comprised of Leoni Township and the Municipalities served by the Leoni Wastewater Treatment Plant and connected wastewater collection systems”. Due to lack of support, Stormont reluctantly withdrew his motion. This will be tabled and reviewed when more information is available. **c) – Cemetery – Electrical Bids & Tree Trimming Bid** – Two Electrical bids were received for work at the Maplegrove Cemetery. Motion by Brennan to accept the estimate from Electrical Solutions of Michigan LLC for \$600.00 to complete the work. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Absent: Bray. Motion by Brennan to allow Johnny’s Tree Service to finish the removal of a tree and limb from the Maplegrove Cemetery and removal of a tree branch from the trail at the Sports-n-Trail Park for not to exceed \$2,475.00. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Absent: Bray.

**Fire Department Report:** September report accepted and filed as prepared by Chief Jones.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Public Comment:** **Nancy Prindle** – Reiterating again the importance of knowing what the Township is entering into so that the General Fund is not having to subsidize the Sewer Fund, and also agree that having legal counsel review resolution is a good idea. **Richard Murphy** – concerns about the sewer resolution, glad that we tabled the one resolution. **Jane Fitzgerald** – concerns and thoughts about the Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm, supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk