

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Budget Public Hearing/Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
December 10, 2019

A Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget was called to order on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

Board Members present by Roll Call: Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont. Absent: Butterfield and Brennan. Also present: Fire Chief Jones and 2 Public.

Discussion on the proposed budget for the 2020 fiscal year. There was no changes from the board members present. No comments from the public in attendance.

Motion by Bray and supported by Bednarski-Lynch to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:17 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Nays – none.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, Officer DeLand and 16 public.

Pledge to Flag was recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Zenz asked to have “New Business before the Old Business” Loveland moved to approve the agenda with the change between old and new business and accept rest as printed. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Public Comment: – none.

Minutes: Bray made motion to approve the November 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, November 19 and December 9, 2019 Budget Work Session Minutes, November 26, 2019 Work Session Minutes and November 26, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried.

Presentation of Bills: Bray made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$69,633.18 (\$13,261.00 when insurance invoice is received) and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$44,226.75 (\$26,239.00 when insurance invoice is received) Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Absent: Butterfield. Motion Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Bray to accept and file Treasurer’s report as prepared. Supported by Zenz. 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 that John Enos the Township Planner is a great asset in looking forward to the future master plan. Their next meeting will be December 19 with a public hearing for the gravel and mine ordinance.

Chief Building Official Report: Accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: Minutes from the November 18, 2019 were provided.

Recreation Board Report: No meeting was held in November.

Correspondence: Stormont provided information on the proposal to host National Hydroplane races in 2021, donation for invasive trees in the Township Park, and American Tower/MD7 quotes.

New Business: a) 2019 Budget Amendments & pay rate Martin – Zenz made a motion to amend various line items in the 2019 budget (see attached). Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zenz, Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Stormont. Absent: Butterfield. Motion Carried. Motion by Brennan to increase Martin’s hourly pay effective December 1 to \$15.00 per hour. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont. Absent: Butterfield. Motion Carried. **b) – Approval of 2020**

Budget/Resolutions - Bray made motion to offer a Resolution to Establish a General Appropriations Act (Budget) with the totals for estimated revenues and expenditures for 2020 in the General, Fire, Building Department, Weed, Sports-n-Trail and Fire Vehicle Equipment Funds, Whistlestop-10%, Sports & Trails-70% and Township Capital Improvement Park-20% Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Absent – Butterfield. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Zenz made motion to offer a Resolution to Establish Grass Lake Charter Township Officers Salary for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees as presented in Public Hearing. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Zenz, Loveland, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan and Stormont. Absent – Butterfield. Nays – None. Motion Carried. (see attached). **c) - Recreation Board Appointments & Various other Appointments – Organization Chart** - Motion by Bray to appoint highlighted names under the Construction Board of Appeals, Planning Commission and Township DDA Board and Recreation Board from the Organization Chart and update the Fire Department side. (see attached). Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. **d) – Approval of 2020 Board**

Meeting, Work Session & Holiday Schedules - Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to approve the work session and holiday schedule as presented and move the March 10, 2020 regular board meeting to March 12, 2020 and have the December 8, 2020 meeting begin immediately following the close of the 6:00 Budget Public Hearing. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bednarski-Lynch, Bray, Zenz, Loveland, Brennan and Stormont. Absent – Butterfield. Nays – None. Motion Carried. **d) – Road Improvement Proposal – Jackson County Department of**

Transportation – Stormont is working with the Department to see what some of the costs would be to repair roads in the Township, they guarantee 30% towards the cost of repairs.

Loveland and Bednarski-Lynch excused themselves from the meeting at this time-6:55 pm.

Old Business: **a) – Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Program** – Homeowners can have individual treatments in front of their homes based on the lake frontage. Forms are available at the office from PLM to complete. **b) – Mt Hope Road – Township property sale – update** – American Title is working on removing the deed restriction of the land being used for a municipal building and Ripstra is 90% done with the plans to be submitted to the Planning Commission. **c) – Settlement agreement – approval** – last Stormont knew Attorney’s were still working on some minor changes, hopefully three parties will agree soon and can be finalized. **d) – Zoning Ordinance – HC/LI Chapter 13 – change to 12A** — the chapter number will be 12A instead of 13, will make it easier when inserting into the Zoning Ordinance Book with hope that not as many changes will have to be done throughout. **e) – Village Contract** – update – Loveland and Brennan are still waiting for a meeting to take place. The new contract needs to be fair for both parties.

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

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Public Comment: **Jane Fitzgerald** – questions and comments about the weed assessment.

Richard Murphy – question about the settlement. **Joe DeBoe** – Thanked all volunteers for help with Festival of Lights the past weekend. **Bob Henderson** – weed treatment question.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk