

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
February 11, 2020

**The regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

**Also Present:** Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe and 10 public.

**Pledge** to Flag was recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** Zenz asked to add to item c New Business purchase of new microphones. Brennan made motion to approve agenda with addition. Supported by Butterfield. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** – Richard Murphy – from now and moving forward he is the only spokesperson speaking on behalf of the “Friends of Grass Lake Township”.

**Minutes:** Bray made motion to approve the January 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and January 28, 2020 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$43,035.10 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$14,615.08. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Brennan, Bray, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Absent: Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No report, busy in winter tax collection.

**County Sheriff Report:** No report.

**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:** No report.

**Planning Commission Report:** Re-zoning parcels on Michigan Avenue sent to Jackson County Planning Commission for review/approval and continued talk on the Mining Ordinance.

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

**Whistlestop Park Report:** No report.

**Recreation Board Report:** No report, next meeting February 19, 2020.

**Correspondence:** Stormont provided information on 5G, fiscal health in Jackson County and invitation from Lester Brothers to tour their facility to see how a functioning portable gravel processing plant operates.

**Old Business:** **a) Village Contracts – sewer/water rate increase** – Stormont and Loveland had met with David Trent. Zenz would like to see actual \$ amounts that the \$1.00 and \$2.00 increase will generate and also have language that this must be reviewed in a timely fashion to make sure the purpose of increase is being properly documented and costs are being covered. Loveland will work on this the week of February 18<sup>th</sup> and a special board meeting could be held after the February work session. **b) – Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance – PPO-06 revision** – from work session the board would like to revise the current Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance, Stormont has prepared a copy, the board needs to review. Zenz would like to do some layout clean-up of this and possibly add more language to Section 1 Title. **c) - Mt Hope Road – Township property sale – update** – no new updates. **d) – MTA Conference Registration** – let Zenz know by March 30 to get early bird registration, at this time Stormont is planning on going.

**New Business:** **a) – Zoning Administrator position** – Lammers has expressed he would like to retire by April 1, 2020. Would be willing to work 2 days a week to help train someone. Stormont has contacted Carlisle/Wortmann, the Township’s current planner, are working up a proposal as they would be interested in this position and providing someone at the office one day maybe two days a week. Board would like to see this proposal before posting the position. **b) – Building Inspector Joe Smith – agreement** – Mr. Smith presented a new contract as he will be retiring from Summit Township in May 2020. He would like to continue doing inspections in Grass Lake Charter Township. The contract is the same as the one with Summit Township except that the court appearance is \$50.00 instead of \$45.00. Motion by Bray to accept the new contract effective June 1, 2020 with Joe Smith as the Township’s Building Inspector. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Brennan, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Nay – Butterfield. Absent: Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. **c) – Microphones for meeting table** – Motion by Brennan to approve the purchase of seven (7) microphone stands to replace the current ones that are used for meetings at \$80.00 per stand. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Brennan, Butterfield, Bray, Loveland, Zenz and Stormont. Absent: Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

**Fire Department Report:** January report accepted and filed.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Public Comment:** **Mr. Bladen** – questions and comments about G5 correspondence. **Nancy Prindle** – any laws about burning in the Township.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk