

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
March 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Bray, Lester, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan.

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, Village President DeBoe, Jim Howe and approximately 16 public.

Pledge to Flag was recited.

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

Public Comment: – None

Minutes: Loveland made a motion to approve the February 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2019 Work Session Minutes and March 4, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. Supported by Lester. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$47,800.78 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$12,001.36. Supported by Lester. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Lester, Bray, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Motion Carried. Loveland noted that the Attorney's account is already at 1/3 of the budgeted amount for 2019.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Bray to accept and file Treasurer's report as prepared. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried. Loveland will be settling with the County on February 14.

County Sheriff Report: None.

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

Zoning Administrator Report: Report was filed as prepared by Administrator Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: Brennan reported the Commission will be working on rezoning 14 parcels in the Township and ongoing issues with gravel pits. Loveland wants a date when the Bohne Road gravel pit expires.

Chief Building Official Report: Accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: none.

Recreation Board Report: none. Next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2019.

Township Office Committee Report: Nothing new, next meeting has not been scheduled, waiting for Village Manager to get back with a date.

Correspondence: Incentive payment for Fire Department from Consumers for participating in the Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Program. Meet and Greet Open House at Farmers State Bank.

Old Business: a) – **Mt Hope Road Township property sale - update** – Stormont will call Jack Ripstra to get a final date of completion of plans. b) – **Ordinance Enforcement Officer - update** – Board is to review the job posting that would go in the paper. Steve Bisard is working with Bray and Stormont for a potential candidate for the position. c) – **Business Expo- March 16, 2019 (need workers)** – Stormont, Lester and Bray will be available.

New Business: **a) – Planning Commission interviews - update** – Three Board members have interviewed six (6) people, at this time all seven (7) current members are staying on. **b) – LDFA – reconstitute the Board** – Stormont stated that the Authority has already been established, just need to re-appoint the eleven (11) member board. **c) – Draft Amendment to Village sewer contract** – Stormont presented an amendment to the current contract with the Village, wants board to review and then will have discussion at our Work Session. **d) – Norvell Road construction date** – Road Commission had told Stormont they would have a date to him before meeting, but he did not hear from them. He will be contacting them again. **e) – MTA Planning & Zoning workshop – May 30** – Would like all Planning and Zoning Members to attend, the meeting is in Jackson. **f) – Tap Maple Trees at Maple Grove Cemetery** – had a request from a resident to tap the trees in Maple Grove, board members have no problem with this.

Fire Department Report: February report accepted as prepared by Chief Jones.

Old Business: New truck will hopefully be available for pick up by end of April. Old truck will then be put out on bid corp or some other bid site.

New Business: none.

Public Comment: **Richard Murphy** – Questions about the Norvell Road Project. **Dale Fisher** – read letter concerning abandoned house on corner of Norvell and Grass Lake Road. **Marilyn O’Leary** – comments about restoration of the Crew House.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk