

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
March 12, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, Zoning Administrator Lammers, Deputy Shackelford, Chris Bolt and Jim Cole from the Jackson County Department of Transportation and 13 public.

Pledge to Flag was recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Stormont asked to have New Business c be moved to before the Old Business. Brennan made motion to approve agenda with change. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Public Comment: – Richard Murphy – he wanted to have us have the Road Millage Presentation at a Township Meeting.

Minutes: Bray made motion to approve the February 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and February 25, 2020 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Presentation of Bills: Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$51,342.55 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$16,490.38. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Bray, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bray made motion to accept and file report as presented. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

County Sheriff Report: Accepted and filed as prepared.

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: Brennan reported that the Mining Ordinance is ready for Public Hearing on March 19, 2020.

Chief Building Official Report: Accepted and filed as printed. It was noted that a lot of activity is happening in the Andover Mobile Home Park.

Whistlestop Park Report: No report.

Recreation Board Report: Matt Horning from the Jackson County Health Department was as their last meeting to go over serving food in the concession stands.

Correspondence: Thank you from Andy's Angels for 2020 Chili Cook-off donation.

Presentation from Jackson County Department of Transportation by Bob Cole and Chris Bolt on different options of funding for bringing the Townships road up to a good rating. More discussion on this topic.

Old Business: a) Village Contracts – sewer/water rate increase proposal – Stormont made motion to accept proposal from Grass Lake Village for Non-Routine sewer rate charged by DPW to increase to \$47.00 per man hour, Snow removal and or lawn mowing rate will be \$35.00 per man hour, Sewer Maintenance/Repairs Charge for routine rates will increase by \$1.00 per REU per month for the Common Fund line customers and Sewer Maintenance/Repairs Charge for routine rates will increase by \$2.00 (\$1.00 for Repairs & Maintenance and \$1.00 for future infrastructure upgrades) per REU per month for the Wolf Lake Sewer Authority customers. This will be effective retroactive to January 1, 2020. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stormont, Loveland, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Butterfield and Brennan. Motion Carried. Loveland stated that at the current time this increase will not be passed on to the customers. **b) – Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance – PPO-06 Introduction** – Zenz made motion to introduce the revised Police Power Ordinance No. 06 – Municipal Ordinance Violation Bureau. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zenz, Butterfield, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Stormont and Brennan. Motion Carried. **c) - Mt Hope Road – Township property sale – update** – no new updates.

New Business: a) – Ordinance Enforcement Officer - resignation – Stormont made motion to accept the resignation letter of Brian Sturgill effective as of March 4, 2020. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. **b) – Re-Zone Michigan Avenue parcels – GC to R-2** – Stormont made motion under the recommendation of Jackson County Planning Commission to re-zone Parcel A, 12336 E. Michigan Avenue; Parcel B, 12446 E. Michigan Avenue; Parcel C, 12552 E. Michigan Avenue; and Parcel D, 12610 E Michigan Avenue from General Commercial (GC) to Residential (R-2) . Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stormont, Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Butterfield. Motion Carried. **c) – JCDOT presentation** – before old business. **d) – Traffic Jam-In donation** – Joe DeBoe asked the Township for their continued support in helping pay for security at the event being held July 10 & 11, 2020. Motion by Brennan to not exceed \$1,500.00 towards security for the 2020 event. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried. **e) – New Sheriff Deputy – Officer Darin Shackelford** – Stormont introduced him to the meeting attendees and also stated that he will be taking over the Zoning Enforcement Officer position for the Township. We will continue to have the joint relationship between the Village and Township. **f) – Closure of Township Office** – discussion on closing the office to public due to the Coronavirus. Signage will be put up, use extra precautions and be aware of the current conditions. Bednarski-Lynch will continue to work with Stormont on this.

Fire Department Report: February report accepted and filed.

Old Business: none

New Business: a) – Brennan made motion to accept the application of Richard Bigford as a new member to the Department. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Star Warren-Crowdis – Asked if the new officer will have time to do his job and also be the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk