

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
June 9, 2020

The following meeting was held electronically using Zoom. Notices were posted on the Townships website, Facebook and front door.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:36 p.m. via Zoom 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, Deputy Clerk Harris, Zoning Administrator Lammers, Jim Howe Park Director and approximately 7 public.

Consent Agenda Approval: Bednarski-Lynch made motion to approve the consent agenda items. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. Loveland stated correction to Work Session Minutes 4th paragraph should be odor not orders. Bray made motion to approve the May 11, 2020 Special Meeting, May 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and May 26, 2020 Work Session Minutes with correction to the Work Session Minutes. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. Butterfield made motion to approve General Fund bills in the amount of \$56,479.42 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$10,982.75. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Motion Carried. Loveland thanked Gail Harris for preparing the Treasurers report. Loveland has received an EFT for Local Stabilization. The 2020 Tax base is ready to be downloaded from the Assessor's data base. DeBoe asked if all the Covid issues will be delaying of printing the tax bills, he will look into this. Motion by Bray to accept and file the Treasurers report. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. Correspondence – received a dividend check from the Par-Plan for the years 2011-2017. Howe reported that a letter was sent out to the Trackside Tornados in regards to their usage of the fields this year. It appears all teams will be using the fields, usage agreements, insurance papers and practice and game schedules need to get to Howe so it can be put on the calendar and also so that it doesn't interfere with the mowing of the fields.

Old Business: a) Road Millage Information Packet – Stormont stated the Department of Transportation is putting together a packet for us for the end of June. Bray and Loveland strongly stated that the Township Board needs to approve the draft material before it is printed and want more than just yard signs. Want the facts out before misinformation goes out. **b) Opening Office Policy/Procedures & Opening Hall for Public Activities** – Stormont & Zenz will check with MTA on some guidance on when to open especially with being still in phase 4 according to the Governor's orders. A staff meeting will be scheduled before the opening so all will know the protocols when we do open. The hope will be the week of June 15. We have hand sanitizers for front lobby, senior center and meeting room. **c) Trash Service** – The board wishes to cancel all Saturday Trash Days for 2020 and continue with the current schedule of

self- delivery to Modern Disposal Monday – Friday 8:00 to 4:00 and Saturday 8:00 to 12:30. We will re-evaluate as needed. **d) Grant for Weed Treatment on Grass Lake** – Stormont was told that most likely \$1500.00 would be the amount of the grant and only for permit cost. Money left from assessment collection can not be used this year unless a current treatment plan is in place. If 10% or more of cost is collected than a refund needs to take place. Jane Fitzgerald had spoken with a lady from “EGLE” and was told that last year was a modest year and that the thought would be that more would be available this year for a grant. She would still like to see something done. Feels lake citizens need to learn of the outcome of the petition that was recently circulated. Loveland felt no reason to pursue a grant as long as no assessment is in place for the next 5 years. The board will certainly do their part if a new petition is presented to the board.

New Business: **a) Weed & Tall Grass Ordinance** – The board has no desire to pursue the creation of a Weed & Tall Grass Ordinance in the Township. **b) – Paper Notice Publications** – Zenz will contact MTA on guidance on making a decision for a new paper to publish notices in since The Grass Lake Times is no longer in business. Possible papers would be Brooklyn Exponent, The Salesman, Jackson Citizen Patriot. **c) – Extra Election Clerical help** – Due to the mass mailing of Absent Voter Applications that the Secretary of State has sent out, Zenz has asked that she have permission to increase the hours or bring on more help if necessary to keep up with the extra work for the election and in addition to the day to day activities in the Clerk’s office. Brennan made a motion to allow this, supported by Bray. Loveland feels that no motion is necessary that the Clerk has the right to increase or bring more help in if needed. Brennan rescinded his motion. Clerk will monitor and adjust hours according. **d) Vandalism at Park** – Vandalism occurred at the park at the end of May. The vandals have been identified and board wishes to turn it over to the prosecuting attorney who would likely force them to pay for the damages done and do community service. The board is more concerned about the principal of the incident.

Fire Department – a) – New fireperson application - Motion by Bray to bring John Kahler on the Department as all requirements have been met. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Motion Carried. Some board members would like Jones to evaluate if the number of positions on the department is adequate.

Public Comment: Richard Murphy – wanted to make sure all board members received the information that he had turned into the office, he will work with the board on this.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk