

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
July 14, 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, July 14, 2020 at 6:35 p.m. via Zoom by Supervisor Stormont.

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

Also Present: Assessor Diane Deboe, Village President Joe Deboe, Zoning Administrator Doug Lammers, Park Manager Jim Howe, Deputy Clerk Gail Harris, and approximately 10 Public.

Consent Agenda Approval: Bray asked to add Basketball Goals to Item B under Old Business. Bednarski-Lynch made motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Basketball Goals to Item B under Old Business. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. Bray made motion to approve the June 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and June 23, 2020 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. Butterfield made motion to approve General Fund bills in the amount of \$69,975.74 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$20,019.91. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan, Loveland and Stormont. Motion Carried. There was no Treasurer’s report this month. Loveland stated the summer tax bills were late going out due to receiving millage rate information late. The next Revenue Sharing check will be \$5,000-\$6,000 less than what was originally budgeted.

Correspondence: Governor Whitmer’s Declaration of state of emergency executive order has been extended through August 11, 2020.

Old Business: a) – Road Millage Draft – Need information to send to the Jackson County Department of Transportation so pamphlets can be finished. Bray would like a little more time to review current information. Bednarski-Lynch suggested the pavilion by the car wash and move to a Zoom meeting if there is bad weather. Dates for informational meetings have been set for August 17 or 24 and September 14, 2020. The Board will talk later to see if a third meeting is needed. Stormont will check with the JCDOT to see when they need the information from the Board in order to have the pamphlets ready in time. **b) – Split Rail Fence and Basketball Goals** – Bray wanted to know how to proceed with getting the basketball goals installed. Howe told the Board that 5 Healthy Towns had agreed to pay \$6,000 towards the goals and installation. The invoice was submitted to 5 Healthy Towns just before the Covid-19 shutdown and there has been no response yet. The Township already has one set of goals, just waiting for the second set to be paid for so everything can be installed at the same time. Stormont suggested using funds designated for the trails and then reimburse that fund when the check from 5 Healthy Towns comes in. Bray made motion to borrow from the Sports-N-Trails fund to purchase second set of basketball goals and install two sets of goals then pay back Sports-N-Trails fund when check received from 5 Healthy Towns. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan, Loveland and Stormont. Motion Carried. Split Rail Fence – Township wants to install split rail fence to block people from driving on trails and basketball courts. It was budgeted last year for \$1,500 for materials, but was never purchased. It was not put in the budget for this year. Howe would like to purchase

and install at same time, worried someone might steal the material. Bray asked Howe to get a quote for installation and suggested using the soccer shed to store the material if needed. Bednarski-Lynch would like more definitive answers to the cost of labor and who will be doing the labor. **c) – Mt. Hope Road Property** – Stormont put in a call to the owner of Mugg & Bopp's asking when the Township will receive \$25,000 for the second half of the purchase price of the property and has had no response. Bray says there are still cars parking on the property along with gravel truck trailers being stored there. It was suggested roping off the drive so there can be no more parking on the property because the Township is still liable. Stormont will make another phone call to let the owner know the Township will be putting a rope across the drive.

New Business: a) – Township Opening Date – Tentative opening date is July 20, 2020. Still waiting for thermometers to come in. Magnets and signs promoting social distancing have been ordered. Anyone using restrooms are responsible for sanitizing after use. A new drop box to install near the Township office door has been ordered. Loveland added a note at the bottom of the tax bills asking people to mail their payments, use the drop box or abide by the guidelines if need to come in to office. Bednarski-Lynch feels the office needs to be open and should only have one person in the lobby at a time. For public meetings there is only 25% occupancy allowed which is about 32 people total. Everyone agrees that public meetings should still be held via Zoom. Bednarski-Lynch was reassured that all phone calls are being answered and returning any messages as needed. **b) – August Primary Vote** – The August election will decide Township Supervisor and Trustees for next four years. Stormont wanted to make the public aware of this. Over 1,000 absentee ballots have already been mailed out, so many people should realize this. Bray stated it has been this way in previous elections. Jackson County Senior Citizen Millage Proposal will raise over \$2.8 million in first year if approved. How much will go to the Grass Lake DDA and what are the restrictions? DDA Board knows very little about this proposal. Bednarski-Lynch wants to know the probability of the Grass Lake taxes staying in Grass Lake. Stormont would like the public to have more information and has asked Chritina McIntyre from the Exponent to do some research and report on it. **c) – Special Motion Stryker Invoice** – The fire department has received the Automated Chest Compression Machine and compatible AED. Howe is very impressed with the new equipment. The money to pay the invoice will come from the Cagney Fund. Bednarski-Lynch made motion to approve Stryker invoice for special equipment for \$16,288.53. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan, Bray, Butterfield, Loveland and Stormont. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Report: June report received and filed.

Public Comment: Richard Murphy – thanking the Township for the solar power farm information, for approving the Mining Ordinance text amendment and has Supreme Court decision for Byron Township about medical marijuana permits if interested. Kevin Yudt – says the Stryker machine is amazing, wonders how much work Deputy Shackelford does as an enforcement officer and believes the owners of the Bellman Road property plan on taking over the Township with marijuana. Joe Deboe – thanking everyone for their help and support with the 4th of July parade and promoting Music in the Park and Farmers Market every Wednesday.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Gail Harris, Township Deputy Clerk