

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
July 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 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, and Office Rick Deland and approximately 31 public.

Pledge to Flag was recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Loveland moved to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Public Comment: – Bobbi Harper – informed the board that she and her husband are applying for a Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs mini grant.

Minutes: Bray made motion to approve the June 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and June 25, 2019 Work Session and Special Meeting Minutes. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Presentation of Bills: Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$75,370.58 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$15,662.00. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Bray to accept and file Treasurer's report as prepared. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. Loveland reported that summer tax bills were sent out July 1, 2019 and none of the collection is kept in the Township.

County Sheriff Report: Accepted and file as printed.

Assessor Report: Accepted and filed as prepared by Assessor DeBoe. July Board of Review – July 16, 2019 - 8:30 – noon.

Zoning Administrator Report: Accepted and file as prepared by Administrator Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: Brennan reported that at last meeting a preliminary and final site plan was approved for Ambulatory Surgery Center for Henry Ford Allegiance Health Systems. Next meeting is July 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Chief Building Official Report: Accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: No report was received.

Recreation Board Report: Bray reported that the GLSYL's season was done June 30 and that the Tornado's are now using the park. There has been some miscommunication between Jim Howe, Tony Vigo and Jim Stormont-hoping this will be worked out. The priorities of the park have been looked at with respect to the budget. Overall things seem to be going well.

Correspondence: Audit report from Township Auditors. Print out of Municipal Utilities Experiencing Increased Costs.

Motion by Stormont to adjourn regular meeting to go into Public Hearing. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

A Public Hearing was held for the Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment District. Stormont and Zenz spoke on how this came about and that this was a renewal of the current assessment. Lake property owners were informed of the public hearing by letters. Another public hearing will be held in August with the final approval of the assessment district and the actual costs associated. Public question was what kind of chemicals are being used – this is handled through the DEQ as a permit is required each year. Motion by Loveland to close the Public Hearing. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. Motion by Loveland to reopen the regular meeting. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried. Due to no roll call for the opening of the Public Hearing, Loveland made motion to rescind his previous motion to reopen the regular meeting. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried. Loveland made motion to rescind his previous motion to close the public hearing. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote done at this time: Present: Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont, Butterfield & Brennan. No additional comments at this time. Motion by Loveland to close the Public Hearing. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried. Motion by Loveland to reopen the regular meeting. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

Old Business: **a) – Mt Hope Road Township property sale - update** – Still waiting on the Owner to come forward with purchase agreement. **b) – Draft Amendment to Village sewer contract** – table per Village request. **c) – Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed – 2nd Resolution** – Motion by Bray to offer resolution to file Special Assessment roll for assessment district and set date for next public hearing. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Bray, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan. Motion Carried. **d) – Cell Tower Lease – update** – the board is not interested in any other proposal, wants to stay with the original proposal by American Tower.

New Business: **a) – Private Road Maintenance Agreement – Resolution** – much discussion on this, the board has many concerns. Motion by Bray to table until more information is received. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. **b) – Planning Commission - vacancy** – Due to the removal of Elliott. Brennan felt we could choose from the remaining candidates that were previously interviewed. Zenz felt the opening should be re-posted and that candidates that had previously turned in a resume be contacted to see if still interested in the position. Position will be posted in paper and on web and interviews held so that an appointment can be made at the boards August regular meeting. **c) – Township Parking Lot – seal coat** – Two quotes were

received for Seal Coating of the Township Parking Lot. Motion by Bray to accept the quote from Farrell Executive Sealcoating for \$1,600.00 to include seal, heat lance cracks and stripe lot. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Bray, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Motion Carried. **d) – Charitable Gaming License Resolution – Friends of Grass Lake Township** – After meeting the final requirement requested from the Township Board, Zenz offered the resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the Friends of Grass Lake Township. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zenz, Loveland, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Stormont and Brennan. Nays – Butterfield. Motion Carried.

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

Old Business: none

New Business: a) Application new fire person - Motion by Bray to accept application of Cory Kirkpatrick as a new member on the department contingent of Clerk's Office receiving his physical form. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Different Attendees had more questions about the Cell Tower lease. **Richard Murphy** thanked the board for passing the resolution and also to Bednarski-Lynch for wanting to be a part of the board and that hopefully more positive attitudes will be seen all around.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk