

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
August 11, 2020

The following meeting was held electronically using Zoom.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom by Supervisor Stormont.

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

Also Present: Assessor Deboe, Village President Joe Deboe, Park Manager Jim Howe, Fire Chief Greg Jones, and approximately 10 Public.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bray and supported by Bednarski-Lynch to approve agenda as printed. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda Approval: Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept the consent agenda items as printed. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Butterfield to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$70,463.19 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$13,064.82. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas – Butterfield, Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, and Stormont. Nays – None.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland stated that the summer tax season had started out slow but is picking up. Sewer bills were late in getting out. Bray made motion to accept and file the Treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Bray. Nays – None.

Old Business: a) – Road Millage Information Packet – Information is all submitted to the County. Should be receiving the packets for mailing this week or first of next week. Informational Meetings will be on August 24 and September 14 at 6:30 at the Events Park. Jackson Department of Transportation will be in attendance to answer any questions. **b) – Mt Hope Road property update** – Stormont has spoken to Todd Lekander he stated he should be ready in a couple of weeks to submit paperwork to the Planning Commission. The Board directed Stormont to set up a closing date at American Title and have the purchase agreement drawn up and have paperwork from the Tims Lake Association there and then inform Mr Lekander when it will be. The board wants this done, it has gone on for way too long. A fence has been put up so no parking can take place on the property, this has generated a few complaints.

New Business: a) – LRUA - update – there is a meeting next week of the authority. A court date in September with the Judge will determine who is responsible for paying off the debt and if any pay backs are due for the debt of the Southern Inceptor. The Authority was informed that the membranes at the facility are failing. **b) – PPO-11 use of Marihuana** – Board was presented with a second draft of PPO-11, and a Attorney Client Privilege Communication along with a draft Ordinance for regulating the medical marihuana and primary caregivers. The Board had much discussion on the issue. A conference call with the attorney would be a good idea. Nothing was decided at this time. **c) – Split rail fence/basketball goals - update** – The

backboards were shipped Monday. Hopefully in a couple of weeks they will be installed by C Payne Construction. Bednarski-Lynch would like to see this be a community project if installation by C Payne Construction can't do this when the material is in. **d) – ZOOM Meetings – update** – Due do the Governors' orders the Township will most likely be having all meetings held by ZOOM through the end of the year. **e) – Village Sewer/Water contract – update** – The Township has not received a copy of the contract to review. Loveland and Brennan are the Township representatives and have not heard anything from the Village. **f) – 5 year Recreation Plan – update** – In order to receive any DNR grants the Township has to have a current plan. The one in place now expires in December of 2020. Jim Howe is working with the appropriate entities for any updates necessary so we can proceed with protocol for adoption. **g) – Election Pay – 3 younger students** – Zenz had 3 students helping day of election with greeting and cleaning the voting stations. The board had discussed this at the work session, but a pay was not discussed. Motion by Bray to pay \$10.00 an hour to the three students for the hours they were at the precincts. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas – Bray, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Nays – None. **h) – Bathroom/Storage Addition at Township Hall** – Due to large increase of supplies needed for elections and with 3 closets already filled to the max, the need for more storage is necessary. The Senior Center is taking up more and more space also. A lot more items are being stored in the meeting room which if and when we can have public meetings again will make for tight quarters there. This was brought to the attention of Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan. Stormont had contacted Chris Payne to work up a specification sheet for a storage/bathroom addition to the west of Township Hall and a Bathroom addition in the Southwest corner of Township Offices. Stormont would like the board to review and ask questions before going out for bids. Bednarski-Lynch would have liked to be informed about the storage shortage prior to the meeting. **i) – Resolution – “Request to rescind QA Property Exemption” penalty** – In order to conform to law P.A. 237 of 1994, the resolution would need to be passed in order to enforce the penalty. Loveland offered the resolution “Authorization for the Grass Lake Charter Township Treasurer to add an unpaid “Request to Rescind Qualified Agricultural Property Exemption” penalty to the property tax bill.” Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call: Yeas – Loveland, Butterfield, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Nays – None.

Fire Department Report: July report received and filed.

Public Comment: Joe DeBoe – Starting August 20, resurfacing Michigan Ave and N. Union in the Village. Music in Park and Farmers Market going well. September 26 “Let Freedom Ring” car show from light in downtown to Frank’s Shop-Rite. Kevin – thanked the board for work on the Marihuana issue and hoping for better internet in the rural area of the Township. Ruth – thanked the board also for the work on the Marihuana issue and also better internet in the rural area of the Township. Bray gave explanation from work past in regards to the internet. Jim Howe – walkway on soccer field, thought would be on the agenda. Has talked to Bill Lester and has a price – this needs to be an agenda item before the board can take any action. Richard Murphy – suggested hot spot on phone for internet issues, questioning the Township Hall addition-need engineer stamp, and feels board has some confusion about the Marihuana issue..he would be willing to sit in a meeting with the board.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk