

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
August 13, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

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

**Also Present:** Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, and Officer Rick Deland and approximately 29 public.

**Stormont** reminded the attendees that there was two public comment times and would like them to be respectful so that the board can conduct township business in a timely manner.

**Pledge** to Flag was recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** Zenz asked to move item C under Old Business to item A. Zenz moved to approve the agenda with correction. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** – none.

**Minutes:** Loveland made motion to approve the July 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes and July 23, 2019 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

**Presentation of Bills:** Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$98,433.66 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$21,922.46. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Absent: Bray. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Zenz to accept and file Treasurer's report as prepared. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. Loveland reported that the Common Fund CD at County National will be cashed in as the last bond payment for the Wolf Lake Sewer is due in September.

**County Sheriff Report:** Accepted and file as printed.

**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:** Sturgill is doing a Township wide sweep and letters will be sent out to those identified as being in violation of the Township Police Power Ordinances.

**Planning Commission Report:** Brennan reported that the text language for the Light Industry/Highway Commercial had its public hearing at PC Meeting in July and has now been

sent to the Jackson County Planning Commission for their recommendations. Next meeting will be August 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

**Chief Building Official Report:** Accepted and filed as printed.

**Whistlestop Park Report:** No report was received.

**Recreation Board Report:** No report was received.

**Correspondence:** none

**Public Hearing** – Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment District – Stormont made motion to go into Public Hearing, supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. Julie Craft spoke on behalf of the Assessment District – the last 5 years the lake has had good improvement and is hopeful that the Township will continue with the assessment for the next 5 years. No other persons came forward with comments Zenz moved to close the Public Hearing, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

**Old Business: a) – Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed – Final Resolution** – Motion by Zenz to offer the Special Assessment Resolution No. 3 for the Little Pleasant Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zenz, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan. Absent: Bray. Motion Carried. **b) – Mt Hope Road – Township property sale – update** – Stormont was informed on August 13 that Jack Ripstra is preparing the site plan and the sale is pending the plan approval. Board informed Stormont that per the discussion at the July Work Session, a deadline of October 1, 2019 was set for the sale to be complete. Stormont is to contact Todd Lekander with this information. **c) – Village sewer & water contract** – Village Attorney is reviewing the contract. Village manager Trent wants a committee to be formed of 2 village and 2 township people. The first meeting would be in September. Loveland and Brennan volunteered to be a part of the committee.

**New Business: a) – Lacey O’Quinn Planning Commission resignation** – Brennan made motion to accept the resignation letter of Lacey O’Quinn effective July 29, 2019. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. **b) – Planning Commission Appointments – 2 seats-** Brennan made motion to fill the seats of the Planning Commission with Dale Lucas & Todd Keszler. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Brennan, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Absent: Bray. Motion Carried. **c) – Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment – introduction** – Zenz explained the resolution for the continuation of the assessment. A Public Hearing will be held at the September regular meeting with notices to paper and the lake property owners. Motion by Zenz to offer Special Assessment Resolution No. 1 for the Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zenz, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Stormont, Butterfield and Brennan. Absent: Bray. Motion Carried. **d) - Police Power Amendment – Ordinance 01-04 – introduction** – The Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance needs to be amended to include The Building Code Ordinance No. 01-04 so tickets can be written by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. This would be in hopes of reducing Attorney Fees. Stormont made motion to introduce

this change. Supported by Zenz. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stormont, Zenz, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Butterfield and Brennan. Absent: Bray. Motion Carried. **e) – Headlee Tax rollback-operating millage (discussion)** – Stormont explained that due to the Headlee Rollback the millage for both the general and fire is being reduced over time. This is something the board needs to look at putting back to the original amount that was voted by the people for the fire fund and what was in place for the general fund before the Township went Charter in 1996. Continued discussion on this subject at future meetings. **f) – LDFA (Local Development Finance Authority)** - Planning Commission members need to be appointed to this Authority. Stormont is working on the development plan for the I-94 corridor. **g) – Planning Commission recording Secretary hourly pay** – Diane Deboe has been doing the minutes of the Planning Commission meetings on a temporary basis. The Township has the right to appoint a “Recording Secretary”, so a pay needs to be established. Hours involved are usually the length of meeting plus half again the meeting time. Brennan thought \$ 15.00 to \$20.00 per hour. After much discussion Zenz made a motion to check with other Townships if they do have a recording secretary and how much they pay and make the pay retroactive to the August 15, 2019 meeting and each meeting going forward. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zenz, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Stormont and Butterfield. Absent: Bray. Motion Carried. **h) – Tire Collection** – the last county wide collection will be August 17, 2019 at the Jackson County Fair Grounds.

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

**Old Business:** none

**New Business: a) Application new Cadet fire person** - Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept the cadet application of Michael James Ball for the Grass Lake Charter Township Fire Department. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. Jones reported that he is currently enrolled in the fire service program at the Jackson Area Career Center and is a senior at Grass Lake High School.

**Public Comment: Joe DeBoe** – presented a certificate to the Township Board and to the Fire Department for their support and volunteering to make the 11<sup>th</sup> Traffic Jamin a successful year. **Richard Murphy** supports Diane Deboe for recording secretary. **Frank Hasbrouck** – Questioning more than 3 minutes during public comment. He wants to see a list of addresses that the Ordinance Enforcement Officer is working on so he can track the progress. He wants to know what we are talking about in reference to the Police Power Ordinance, or a better explanation. **Dale Fisher** – unintended consequences. **Thomas Anderson** – questions about tapes being used. **Gary VanSickel** – moved here because of the farming community, does not like the fact that there are tattle tails within the community. **Tina Bednarski-Lynch** – reported on the Jackson County Fair bringing family and friends together, lets focus on good things and not bad.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk