

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
September 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 10, 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. Absent: Brennan.

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, and approximately 35 public. James Scherer from Professional Lake Management was also in attendance.

Pledge to Flag was recited.

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

Public Comment: – **Marilyn O’Leary** and **Judy VanPoperin** talked about the grave dedication at the Oakwood “East” Cemetery on October 5, 2019. **Tim Degrazio** will talk about the weed assessment during that public hearing. **Richard Jarzynka** would like the bathrooms at the County Park to be unlocked and working properly through the fall months.

Minutes: Loveland made motion to approve the August 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and August 27, 2019 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

Presentation of Bills: Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$63,496.23 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$13,735.56. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Bray, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Stormont. Absent: Brennan. Motion Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Bray to accept and file Treasurer’s report as prepared. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. Loveland reported that September 16, 2019 is the last day for collection of summer tax without penalty.

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: Accepted and file as prepared by Sturgill.

Planning Commission Report: Stormont reported the Planning Commission had a well attended meeting for the Bohne Road Public Hearing, Target Trucking was granted a one year operating use with many operating conditions included in the Special Use Permit.

Chief Building Official Report: Accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: No report was received.

Recreation Board Report: No report was received as there was no meeting in August.

Correspondence: Upcoming MTA On The Road Meeting at Chelsea Comfort Inn, board members need to let Zenz know by September 17 if wanting to attend.

Motion by Bray to suspend the regular monthly meeting. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. Motion by Bray to open the Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment District Public Hearing. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing – Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment District – Tim DeGrazio – has two parcels, one parcel the assessment will be more than double the tax he pays on it. Thought it was for 5 years only. Would like to see being spread over entire Township. **Gina Lammers** – would like to see progress reports, raking of the weeds, over \$180,000.00 in assessments paid so far. **Bob Henderson** – more than property owners benefiting from the weed assessment. **James Scherer from PLM** – lake is better than when first started and it does improve the property values. **Richard Jarzynka** – what is the brown algae? **Rhonda Shaffer** – she lives on west side of lake and there are more weeds than when the assessment started. **James Scherer** – The milfoil is greatly reduced since the beginning of treatment. The 3 invasive plants throughout the state of Michigan, unfortunately are all in Grass Lake! **Pam Wirpio** – would like to see new petitions circulated. **Ted Scheffler** – have user fees initiated to use the boat ramp. **Carl Wells** – would support the entire village and township paying for the weed treatment. He feels everyone is benefitting from the lake use. Two letters were received before the September 10, 2019 meeting. One letter signed by 6 property owners and 1 letter signed by one property owner.

Motion by Zenz to close the Public Hearing, supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. Motion by Zenz to re-open the regular board meeting supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Old Business: a) – Grass Lake Aquatic Weed – 2nd Resolution – Motion by Bray to table the resolution in moving forward with the weed assessment after listening to the public during the Public Hearing. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont. Absent: Brennan. Gina Lammers will circulate new petitions and return to the Township before we proceed with the next step. **b) – Mt Hope Road – Township property sale – update** – Site plan is supposedly about done per Jack Ripstra, but board has question why the site plan has to be approved before the property is even purchased. The board again reiterated to Stormont that October 1, 2019 is the deadline for the sale to be complete. Stormont is to contact Todd Lekander and Jack Ripstra to remind them of this. **c) – Village sewer & water contract** – Bray and Loveland had volunteered to be a part of this committee. Loveland has heard nothing as to a meeting. Village Manager David Trent is supposedly spear heading this. **d) – Headlee Tax rollback – operating millage** – This is an on going discussion. Some material was distributed so the board can review and understand what the Headlee Tax is all about. **e) – Police Power Amendment-Michigan Residential Code Ordinance-first reading** – Bray motioned to move to introduce an Ordinance to supersede

Grass Lake Charter Township Ordinance No. 01-04 as amended to provide for the enforcement of violations of the Michigan Residential Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes through the issuance of municipal civil infraction citations. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bray, Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont. Absent: Brennan. **f) – Planning Commission Recording Secretary hourly pay/job description for posting** – Motion by Zenz to pay Recording Secretary \$ 70.00 per diem as discussed at the August Work Session and make it retroactive to the August 15, 2019 meeting. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zenz, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Stormont and Butterfield. Absent: Brennan. Bednarski-Lynch had worked on preparing a job description for the recording secretary. Would like Jere Hinkle, Doug Lammers, Jim Stormont and Diane DeBoe review for any corrections or changes and then post the position.

New Business: a) – Building Permits for Village issued from Township – Stormont wants to table this issue until the September Work Session as more details are needed and determine what impact this will have for both the Township and Village. **b) – Text Amendment – HC/LI District** - Motion by Stormont to send back to the Township’s Planning Commission to review and incorporate the suggested comments from the Jackson County Planning Commission into the new draft text language proposed and then bring back to the Township Board. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Stormont, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Butterfield. Absent: Brennan. **c) – Additional Senior Center Day – Friday’s** – Motion by Zenz to have the Senior Center be open one more day a week, with Friday being the day from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Zenz, Butterfield, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland and Stormont. Absent: Brennan.

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

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Public Comment: Tim DeGrazio – The Township parking lot might be an issue on Friday’s for the Senior’s because of t-ball. **MaryAnn Wilson** – wonders why the Township is not opened 5 days a week. Must be a good reason. **Gina Lammers** – thanked the board for the time put into the offices we hold. **Bob Hamel** – Wondered if the Basketball Courts at the park are going to be up and running this year. **Richard Jarzynka** – when will the Tennis Courts be resurfaced at the County Park.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk