

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
September 8, 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, September 8, 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 Diane DeBoe, Park Manager Jim Howe, Fire Chief Greg Jones, Zoning Administrator Lammers and approximately 11 Public.

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

**Consent Agenda Approval:** Motion by Bray to accept the consent agenda items as printed. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Bills:** Motion by Butterfield to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$61,213.13 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$11,091.71. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Butterfield, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Nays – None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Loveland stated that the summer tax season is going well, increase in mail and office seems busier. Loveland will have an update of State Shared Revenue for the work session. We are currently at least \$5,000.00 less than what was anticipated. Treasurer's report will also be updated. 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) – Grass Lake Charter Township/Village Road Millage Bond - update –** Bednarski-Lynch wants the Primary roads to be clearly identified and that they will be paved during the time frame that the local roads will be paved if the millage goes through. Board would like an additional informational meeting scheduled due to the amount of flyers sent out that were returned because of wrong postage. October 5 was suggested, Stormont will look into this. Informational Meeting, 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 closing - update –** Pre-approval meeting with Timms Lake Preserve Association, Township and Mr Lekander, if this looks ok then October 15, 2020 the plans will go to Planning Commission Meeting for a site review, if approved the Township should receive final payment. Loveland and Bednarski-Lynch feel payment should come after the approval from Timms Lake Preserve. This issue has been on the agenda for a very long time and the board has been requesting the final payment or a for sale sign will go up on the property. **c) – Medical Marijuana – draft #3 –** Stormont is waiting for a conference call with JNET/Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan/ and Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney to see if the new ordinance would be enforceable or does the current PPO do the same thing. **d) – Leoni Regional Utility Authority/South Central Michigan Utility Authority – update –** no assessment district was established to help in making payment of the Southern Inceptor. Currently in the courts hand to

see who is responsible for making the payments. Some municipalities are looking into by passing Leoni Waste system and going to the City of Jackson. **e) – Split rail fence/basketball goals – update bid** – Allen Brothers - \$3,249.00 and Power Fence - \$4,387.00. Bray made motion to approve bid from Allen Brothers for \$3,249.00 and Howe is to let Loveland and Zenz know the breakdown of funds from the maintenance line item and capital improvement line item. Basketball hoops were delivered last week and will hopefully be installed this week. Girls Basketball team has reached out to be able to utilize the hoops when up. **f) – Village sewer/water contract – update** – Loveland and Brennan attended meeting, feel that there is still some items that need to be worked out, David Trent is to be gathering additional figures and bring to next meeting. Loveland does not want to see the Township “nickel and dimed” for every item. Wants to make sure that the division is equally divided. Next meeting will be September 21, 2020. **g) – Township Office Storage Room – bid** – Bray and Bednarski-Lynch looked at current storage, generally feel that current space can be better utilized, add some new shelving, destroy things or take to a museum that are not needed, have the Senior Center condense some of their items, timing of this may not be the best because of the current road millage, use barn for storage of some things. Stormont would like this to stay as an open item on agenda.

**New Business: a) – Sand Beach Road assessment district** – Stormont currently working a petition for residents that live on Sand Beach Road on the 600 feet of paved road in Grass Lake Charter Township. This would be a special assessment on these residents taxes if the current road millage does not pass. 51% of the residents need to approve of this. More will follow on this. **b) – Planning Commission Zoning Ordinance – Version #7 text amendment-Gravel Mine** – This was sent to Region 2 from the Planning Commission for their review, due to a lack of quorum at their last meeting, they will review this again on September 10, 2020 and give comments back. The Township Board would ultimately approve the changes. **c) – Office Assistant Treasurer’s Office** – Loveland is in need of more consistent help in his office. Deputy Loveland will be resigning. Notice posted on Township web page, 5 persons applied and were interviewed by Loveland. Final 2 were interviewed by Loveland and Zenz. Loveland made motion to hire Amiee Elliott-Kocher at \$14.50 per hour. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Loveland, Bray, Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Stormont and Brennan. Nays – None. She will work mornings and all day on Thursday. Deputy Loveland will be assisting Treasurer Loveland in the training of Elliott-Kocher.

**Fire Department Report:** August report received and filed. **a) – Fire Station paint exterior – bids** – Waiting for 2<sup>nd</sup> bid to come in, would like to see the painting happen this year.

**Public Comment:** Joe DeBoe –Music in Park and Farmers Market has 4 more weeks. September 26 “Let Freedom Ring” car show from light in downtown to Frank’s Shop-Rite. Wanted to clarify the new village sewer/water contract to work better for both entities, wants to provide good quality service to the Township. Richard Murphy – thanked board for good input in meeting. Expressed thoughts on the road millage and Marijuana issue.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk