

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Adams, Jr., Bray, Hart, Lesinski present. Also present, County Commissioner Lutchka, Assessor DeBoe, Fire Chief Greg Jones, News Reporter Shannon Maynard and 5 public. Pledge to Flag recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Loveland to approve the agenda as printed, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment: County Commissioner Lutchka states that they received another quote in regard to removing the asbestos in the hotel and it was a lot less than the first estimate. Ruth Scott the new Equalization Director started on Monday April 9th. He would like us to think of a logo that would be appropriate for the Township, such as "home of" or "famous for". In his travels he has noticed different signs and thought it would be nice to see something like that for Grass Lake. Marc Wandell, Director for Jackson County Department on Aging spoke in regard to the 0.25 Senior Millage Renewal that was approved by the Board of Commissioners to be placed on the August 7th Primary ballot. The renewal is for 8 years. This millage pays for 90% of services to seniors in their home and 10% supports senior centers, senior nutrition sites and exercise programs.

Minutes: Motion by Bray to approve the March 13th regular meeting, March 27th Work Session and Special Meeting, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Hart to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 41,806.92 and the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 13,399.70, supported by Clark. Roll Call: Yeas; Hart, Clark, Adams, Jr., Loveland, Bray, Lesinski, Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Loveland states that we received the revenue sharing check in the amount of \$ 54,612.00 and has finished the collection of property taxes for year 2011. Motion by Lesinski to accept and file the treasurers report, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessors Report: DeBoe states that the Board of Review letters have gone out and is now doing catch up work. The Dot.Net version for Assessing, Special Assessment and Tax will be installed on the 17th of April. Building Department will be sometime in May.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. The agenda is to work on the updating of the Master Plan.

Correspondence: Letter from the Village of Grass Lake asking our support for the National Stock Boat Races and the Regional Boat Races. Region 2 Planning Commission for a grant application for MDNR assistance for the development of the Sparks Park/Inter-City Trail project

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from the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department and another from Aware, Inc. for Federal assistance to provide transitional housing assistance for victims of domestic violence. Letter from Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding renewal of membership.

Old Business: (a) Whistlestop Park – meeting to be held next week. (b) Boy Scouts Boardwalk proposal – Connor Howard from the Eagle Scouts presented the drawing for the Boardwalk which is 6' x 120'. The quote from Home Depot for the materials is \$ 1,387.64. He plans to have the project done by October. Motion by Hart to go ahead with the project, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (c) 9230 Cedar Knoll Property – due to the fire that has destroyed the building and the bankruptcy after much discussion, the action of our board is that we are not going to spend any money at the present time, but have our Attorney notify the owner and the federal court that the balance of the building needs to be torn down. Stormont stated he had a phone call regarding the 3476 Pleasant Drive Property that is the Dangerous Building that we have been working on for demolition. The person calling wants to purchase the property and Stormont suggested they offer a price to purchase the land, minus the cost of demolition of the building. (d) Sale of Lawn Equipment – have a silent auction on Saturday, April 14th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Township Parking Lot. (e) Bids for parking lot and drainage – Stormont has contacted Jack Ripstra to come and see what needs to be done. (f) Bids for demolition of property – have previously discussed this issue. (g) Field Usage/Maintenance – have received a phone call that some one has used the fields and not left them in the same condition as they found them. Water at the park has been tested, but have not received the results as yet.

New Business: (a) Tenneco Engineering Center IFT application – at the public hearing prior to this meeting, it was decided that we need to send a letter asking for information that was not provided when turning in the application and is required to send into the state. (b) Letter of support for Boat Races – Motion by Stormont to approve the stock outboard races on Grass Lake on July 29 thru August 5 and September 8 and 9, 2012 and send a letter of approval to the Jackson County Parks Department, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (c) Jackson County Road Commission Road Maintenance Agreement – Motion by Lesinski to accept the 2012 road maintenance agreement with Jackson County, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) Baseball Year-End Income Statement – Clerk to make copies for all board members. (e) Draft Grass Lake Charter Township Job Descriptions – Stormont has prepared duties as given by the Michigan Township Association for elected officials and various appointed positions. (f) REU usage for Boy Scout Camp and Ward Angel – Motion by Adams, Jr. to reduce the Reu's at the Boy Scout Camp from 8 to 2 and table Ward Angel for further information and policy, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Jones states we had 12 residential rescues, 2 vehicle/pi incidents, 3 unknown accidents, 2 vehicle fires, 7 open burning, 1 weather alert, 2 automatic aid given to Columbia Township, 2 automatic aid given to Napoleon Township and 4 Mutual Aid

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Given for the month of March. Jacob Zenz has completed his Firefighter 1 and II class and a graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 21, at Spring Arbor College. Chief stated that the Cadet program is going very well and is planning to have Napoleon Fire Department join with our department for the Cadet program.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn at 8:59 p.m., supported by Hart.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk