

APPROVED REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Hart, Lesinski, Brennan present. Absent: Adams, Jr. Also present: County Commissioner David Lutchka, Fire Chief Greg Jones, Citizen Patriot Reporter Shannon Maynard and 2 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda: Motion by Lesinski to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment: County Commissioner David Lutchka states that the River Walk Hotel in downtown Jackson is now all gone, the control towers at the airport is suppose to close, due to a law suit it is extended to April 15th, FFA and Federal law states that they have to hold hearings before they close. The Commissioners will be appointing members to the County Wide Planning Commission within the next week. There were 1201 3rd graders that participated in project red. Luke Coppernoll, Jonathon Lutchka and David Sherwood from the 4-H club helped with demonstrations. Due to a Road Commission leadership problem in Calhoun County, it is possible that Jackson and Calhoun County will share managing directors.

Minutes: Moved by Lesinski to approve the March special, regular and work session minutes as written, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Loveland to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$ 31,467.13 from the General Fund and \$ 8,913.26 from the Allocated Fire Fund, supported by Hart. Roll Call: Yeas; Loveland, Hart, Clark, Brennan, Lesinski, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr.

Treasurers Report: Motion by Hart to accept and file the Treasurers report, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ordinance Violation: Stormont has contacted Deputy Sturgill in regard to the property on Warrior Trail and they have been given until May 1 to get the property cleaned up and if not done by then, a \$ 50.00 daily fine will be charged.

Assessor Report: Assessor DeBoe was not in attendance, but Stormont stated that the Board of Review is complete, turned into the County and they are now working on the ECF studies.

Recreation Board Report: Stormont stated that the board had met on March 27th. The soccer group would like the water extended, picnic tables, more work on the boardwalk so it would extend to the east section of the fields and grading of parking lot. The baseball group, need to fix the fence on the existing fields, Stormont is getting bids for fence on the new softball fields and bids on score boards. Trevor McGinn then spoke in regards to the trails and making a bike park up by Willis road.

Old Business: Whistlestop Park – Liaison Hart states that they are getting new benches and giving the old ones to Chamber of Commerce to put around town. They are getting estimates to paint the building and for caulking the windows. Enterprise Group Support Plan – nothing more has been heard from the group or the County. This is a basis to support the Enterprise Group and it would cost Grass Lake Charter Township \$ 1,245.00 annually. Road Funding support letter – Stormont has prepared a “letter to the editor” regarding the conditions of our roads and no money to do the maintenance.

New Business: Boat Race support letter – Stormont has prepared a letter of approval to hold the 2013 Stock Outboard races on Grass Lake July 12,13 & 14 and September 6,7, and 8, 2013. Liquid Dust Control Project – Motion by Lesinski to enter into the agreement with Jackson County Department of Transportation for 2 applications of dust control for 15.99 miles dirt roads at a cost of 450.00 per mile for a total of \$ 7,195.50, supported by Brennan. Motion carried by voice vote. Mortimer property for sale – This property is located directly behind the Township property is landlocked and is not buildable. May 11 – “We Love Grass Lake Day” roadside community clean up – Family Worship Center and any volunteers may participate, they will start the morning out with a healthy breakfast and then at noon a lunch served here at the Township Hall.

Fire Department Report: Chief Jones states that we had 15 residential rescues, 1 structure fire, 2 fire alarms, 1 vehicle fire, 4 open burnings, 1 automatic aid given to Columbia Township and 2 automatic aid given to Napoleon Township and 1 mutual aid received for a total of 27 calls for the month of March. The Department additional activities for the month was attending the Grass Lake Business Expo, standby for open burning at the Doctors office, Grass Lake High School controlled burning of the nature center and controlled burning of the Grass Lake Community Park on Willis Road.

Closed Session: Motion by Stormont to go into closed session to discuss a confidential written legal opinion from the Township Attorney, supported by Clark. Roll Call: Yeas; Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Hart, Lesinski, Brennan. Absent: Adams, Jr. Board went into closed session at 8:50 p.m. Board reconvened the regular meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:43 p.m., supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk