

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2012

The regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Board Members Present: Hart, Loveland, Stormont, Lesinski. Absent: Adams, Clark, Bray. Also present: Deputy Clerk Cathy Zenz, Jackson Citizen Patriot News Reporter Shannon Maynard, Fire Chief Jones, and 3 representatives from Wolverine Pipe Line.

Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda: Motion by Lesinski to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Fred Hipshear and Dave Staten from Wolverine Pipeline talked about the company, easements and 811. The line from Jackson to Freedom which runs through out Township is currently not being used. They have it filled with nitrogen, but no gas going through it.

Minutes: Loveland moved to approve the June 12 Regular Board Meeting, June 26 Work Session, June 26 Special Meeting, July 24 Special Meeting and July 31 Work Session as printed supported by Lesinski. The July 24 Work Session was approved by Loveland with corrections to the 9th bullet point being the last name of Karen Kauffman should be Coffman. Supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: The invoice to Palmer Ford under the Fire Department needs to be changed to Palmer Auto Service. Hart made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$43,793.21 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$14,570.43. Seconded by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas – Hart, Loveland, Stormont, Lesinski. Absent: Adams, Clark and Bray.

Treasurer's Report: Lesinski made motion to receive and record the report as presented. Seconded by Hart. Motion carried.

Assessor Report: Motion by Lesinski to increase Amy Witchell pay from \$13.00 to \$13.50 due to a successful 90 day review as this was the decision of the board at the time she was hired. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. The Assessor's budget needs to be closely watched so it does not go over budget.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski reported that discussion is being held with Grass Lake Village, Region 2 and the Township to possibly have a cooperative Master Plan between the 2 jurisdictions. Due to budget purposes we would not be able to commit to this until next budget year.

Correspondence: Cedar Knoll Property is not in bankruptcy. Due to the property taxes owing to the County so high, it is highly unlikely that the Township will be able to recoup any money that is owed to us. An estimate of \$ 7,100.00 was received just to demolish the remaining buildings and an additional

cost for hauling away the rubbish. After discussion, Supervisor is to schedule a meeting with Karen Coffman from the County Treasurer's Office and the Township Board to discuss other possibilities for the clean-up of the property.

Old Business: a) - Phone Services – tabled. b) - Whistlestop Park – Doors being refurbished by Fred Myall. c) - 9230 Cedar Knoll Property update – see previous paragraph. d) – Bids for Pleasant Drive demolition – 5 bids were received: Ray Construction, Inc - \$5,100.00, Schiel's Shovel's - \$7,500.00, Lester Brothers - \$7,980.00, R-N-D Dirtworks - \$9,650.00 and Jule Swartz and Sons Excavators, Inc - \$15,500.00. This was tabled until copies of all bids and copy of bid specifications are given to the board members for review and then a decision will be made as soon as possible. e) – Sports and Trails update – the DEQ finally approved the boardwalk but it will not be completed at this time. f) – Parking Lot Re-seal – Stormont has taken pictures of the work done at the Township and at the Fire Station, the work performed is not acceptable and the bill is not to be paid until the lots are fixed correctly.

New Business: a) – Bid document for Township Office renovations – Stormont has met with Chris Payne and his is working up a document for this. b) – Permanent sign at Sports & Trails Park – Lesinski reported there has been discussion with the Chamber and they are creating a template to see what the sign would look like and how much the sign would cost. c) – 2013 Budget Item-Fireworks Donation, Bray would like to see this be an expenditure in the new budget. d) – It has been suggested to create an advisory committee to the Park Board – it would consist of 1 person from soccer, 1 person from baseball, 3 Township Board Members and 1 or 2 Community Members at large.

Fire Department Report: accepted as presented by Chief Jones.

Old Business: a) – Fire Station Construction Issues – discussion once again about the water issues, Chris Payne is working with an expert to determine how it needs to be fixed to correct all the problems.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m, seconded by Loveland. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Zenz, Deputy Clerk