

APPROVED MINUTES
August 16, 2011

The Grass Lake Charter Township Board met on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. for a second hearing in regard to the "Dangerous Building Ordinance". Board Members Adams, Jr., Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Bray present. Absent: Hart and Lesinski. Also present, Assessor Diane DeBoe, County Commissioner David Lutchka and Mrs. Lutchka, Garry Gitcho, Township Hearing Officer and Attorney Ross Bower, Hearing Officer regarding the property at 9230 Cedar Knoll Drive and 3476 Pleasant Drive. Pledge to Flag recited.

Attorney Bower then conducted the hearing. Owners of either property was not present. Attorney Bower than asked that the Township Board pass a resolution and order regarding the property and buildings located at 3476 Pleasant Drive and 9230 Cedar Knoll Drive, Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County, owned by Daren Walker and F and G, LLC. After discussion, Supervisor Stormont offered the Resolution and Order for the property at 3476 Pleasant Drive and the property at 9230 Cedar Knoll Drive, **approving** the Hearing Officers Decision and Order, supported by Bray. The vote was 5 Yeas, no Nays , Resolutions Declared Adopted.

Motion to adjourn the second hearing by Loveland, supported by Bray. Hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Adams,Jr., Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Absent: Hart. Also present; County Commissioner Lutchka, Garry Gitcho, Township Hearing Officer, Fire Chief Jones, Jackson Citizen Patriot News Reporter, Shannon Maynard, and 10 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Loveland asked that under Old Business, a and e to be moved to New Business, under Old Business h. Norvell Road Sewer Extension update, i. Tennis Court Repair update and under Fire Department Old Business b. Cagney Plaque status.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Lesinski with those changes to approve the corrected agenda, supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Joan Lutchka of 1439 South Francisco Road, spoke in regard to item "g" under old business on our agenda, which is in regard to the "secondary field usage agreement". She asked that this be removed from the agenda, due to the fact that signing of the "first field usage agreement" was never voted upon by the Township Park Board. Marilyn O'Leary of 11496 Phal Road, spoke as a member of the Grass Lake Historical Society regarding their need for financial help in order to set up a maintenance fund. They have renovated the second floor and are in hopes to have everything done for Heritage Day on September 10, 2011. They are asking for help in their fundraising which they call the "3-M, Making, Mondays, Matter". Jeanne Satterthwaite of 11205 Sandhill Estates also spoke in regard to the Community Park Field Usage Agreement. Chuck Alexander of 11207 Huckleberry Lane also commented regarding

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the usage of the Community Park Ballfields. Heather Brown of 2437 Norvell Road, presently the President of the Summer Youth League, commented in regard to a miscommunication of the Secondary Field Usage Agreement. County Commissioner Lutchka then stated that it was a good week at the Jackson County Fair. They recorded an attendance of 180,000, 28 children were lost, but Sheriff were able to reunite them with their parents, 34 persons were removed for various reasons and 4 arrest were made. The new County Administrator Mike Overton is doing well thus far, the 2010 audit is complete and there are 226 tax foreclosures in the County.

Minutes: Correction made by Loveland under old business-Norvell Road Sewer Extension was not stated who supported the motion. Clerk verified that it was supported by Hart. Motion by Lesinski to approve the July 12 minutes with correction, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Adams, Jr. to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$ 9,084.59 from the Allocated Fire Fund and \$ 46,565.47 from the General Fund, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Adams, Jr., Lesinski, Bray, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Hart

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Clark to receive and file the treasurer report, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing Officer Report: Gitcho stated that we had held the second hearing prior to this meeting and that the Township Board would be giving notification to owners of 9230 Cedar Knoll Drive and 3476 Pleasant Drive that they have 60 days to respond to the resolution that was passed by the board to either make the property safe or to demolish the buildings.

Assessor Report: In the absence of the Assessor, Supervisor Stormont reported that the reappraisal has now been completed, they are now entering data from the field work and doing the apex drawings. Notices will soon be going out to the property owners to review the data.

Correspondence: Supervisor Stormont is a member of the JCEG group and they are having a free seminar and workshop on Wednesday Sept. 14th at the Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History. The presentation of "Balancing Nature & Commerce for Sustainable Economic Development" will be presented by Ed McMahon. All Township, County, City officials are invited.

Old Business: Whistlestop Park – the painting of the interior walls and the refinishing of the floors have been completed. The bills were paid tonight from the capital improvement fund that the board has set up within their budgeting. **Bids for Community Park Trails-** Supervisor had sent out 5 request for bids and 2 were received back by the deadline of 4:00 p.m. on August 11th. The bids received were Lester Bros. and Bailey Sand & Gravel Co. After discussion, a motion was made by Bray to table the bid so as to clarify the financial status, to the September board meeting, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. **Noxious**

Weeds- Stormont is asking for names of those in the Township that are not keeping their yards mowed and he will send out the letter. Also, will follow up with Deputy Sturgill. **Park Rules Revision and Secondary Field Usage Agreement** – After lengthy discussion and the recommendation that we revisit the “field usage agreement” a motion was made by Adams, Jr. to table the field usage agreement to the work session on August 30, 2011, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. **Norvell Road Sewer Extension Update** – Stormont has received a letter from the Sewer Authority to the DEQ and the DEQ has yet to authorize the go ahead with the project. **Tennis Court Repair Update** – The repairs have been done.

New Business: IT Right Quote for New Server – the battery back-up was replaced due to problems, however the server is old and needs to be replaced. Trustee Bray will check with I.T. Right for certain specifications. Motion by Bray to table the purchase of a new server until the work session, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote. **Community Workshop at Blackman Charter Township, August 24th at 6:00 p.m.** – anyone that plans to attend, please let the Clerk know by August 19th.

Fire Department: Monthly report shows that we had 11 Residential Rescues, 4 Vehicle/PI Incidents, 2 Unknown Incidents, 2 Fire Alarms, 5 Grass Fires, 3 Weather Alerts, 3 Automatic Aid Given and 3 Mutual Aid Given for the month of July. Trustee Bray is working on getting the bids for the sale of the two vehicles on the website, but is still in need of more pictures and description. **Cagney Plague** – the plague is here, Treasurer Loveland suggest that we get it mounted somewhere inside the Fire Station. Fire Chief states the rock is in place, but need to get it mounted on the rock.

Zoning Administrator Report: The Zoning Administrator had prepared a written report. The report was read by the Clerk.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m., supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk