

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
February 09, 2010

Regular Meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Bray, Lesinski, Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark and Stormont present. Also present: Hearing officer Gitcho. Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Minutes: Motion by Hart to approve the January regular and work session minutes, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Clark to pay the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 6,063.96, General Fund in the amount of \$ 28,771.61, Grass Lake Community Park in the amount of \$ 41.39 and Grass Lake Weed Control District in the amount of \$ 1,250.00, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Clark, Lesinski, Bray, Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Motion by Lesinski to receive and file the Treasurers report as presented, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing Officer Report – Garry Gitcho: Gitcho states that he has been in contact with Mr. McCoy who is the owner of 3488 Kalmbach Road property and he is agreeable to demolishing the abandoned home. However, the first thing that needs to happen is for Consumers Power Company to come and disconnect the power lines. This request has to be done by the property owner. The Township board has also asked that Gitcho check on the Cedar Knoll Care Home, as there is a hole in the west wing roof and windows have been broken. We need to have him verify if this is a dangerous building.

Assessor Report: Discussion was held in regard to the cost of preparing and mailing the property assessment change notices. She has a quote from Champion Printing and Ray's Printing, at a cost of \$ 2200.00. It was suggested that we also check with Warden Printing of Jackson. Supervisor will check with Assessor and see if it would be cheaper for us to print the notices here and then have Ray Printing do the folding and mailing. A copy of a letter that the Assessor had sent to Bruce Maxson was discussed. In regard to the FOIA request, the board request that all the information that we have must be issued. A letter which is being sent with the assessment change notices was also discussed. The board all agreed that this letter should not be sent. A second letter was also presented. After discussion, it was a board decision to send a two paragraph letter briefly stating the reappraisal process.

Correspondence: The Enterprise Group of Jackson with a summary of the activities that they had done in 2009, Water report from DEQ, Jackson County Resource Recovery Facility in regard to spring and fall clean up and giving a 20% discount. Clerk had

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checked as to which months had the highest usage of the transfer station and responded to the facility that we would like April 10th and October 9th, 2010 as our discount dates. Clerk had received information from Bob Spencer who is with “My Pro Audit” which is in regard to overcharges on electric and natural gas billings. Board wishes to have the Clerk pursue this as there is no cost if they find that there are no errors.

Old Business: (a) Spring Expo – would like input for booth and for the daily drawing. (b) National Boat Race – Tom Nolte and Rod Walz went to Washington, along with Dean Sutherland in regard to getting the National Boat Race again at Grass Lake. They succeeded in their request and they will be held here again in 2012. They also wish to have a Regional event here in July of 2010. (c) Sports and Trails Grant Application – Bob Hamel is working with Supervisor Stormont in writing a grant for trails, which has to be sent in by April 1, 2010. (d) Matching Grant Request (Weatherwax Foundation) – A motion was made by Stormont to transfer \$ 3400.00 from 101-770.000-930.003 Parks and Recreation, Community Development to the Grass Lake Community Parks-Sports and Trails so as to receive the balance of the grant from Weatherwax Foundation, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (e) Shared Services – Stormont stated this is something that many different governmental and schools are looking at to purchasing jointly so as to save dollars.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief’s report states that they had 9 medical calls, 2 vehicle accidents, 1 automatic aid given to Columbia Township and 1 regular mutual aid given for the month of January.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement: Everything is cleaned up on the Salts property and Simmons is getting things cleaned up. We had a couple of barking dog complaints and 1 has gone to the attorney for pre-trial.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Hart. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk