

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2009

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Adams, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Bray, Lesinski and Stormont present. Also present: Assessor DeBoe, Shannon Maynard of the Jackson Citizen Patriot and Tom Nolte, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator. Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Minutes: Moved by Adams to approve the January 13th special and regular meeting minutes, January 27th work session and special meeting, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Moved by Bray to pay the Allocated Fire Fund monthly bills in the amount of \$ 27,807.65 and the General Fund monthly bills in the amount of \$ 46,000.34, supported by Adams. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Adams, Hart, Loveland, Lesinski, Clark and Stormont. Clerk then presented the bill from PLM Lake and Land Management to be paid from the Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment and Consumers Energy and Lester Bros. to be paid from the Grass Lake Sports and Trails Community Park Fund. Moved by Loveland to pay the \$ 1,500.00 from the Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment and \$ 12,515.00 from the Sports and Trails Community Park Fund, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurers Report: Loveland states that the 2008 tax season is now winding down and the last day to pay without penalty is Tuesday, February 17th. Moved by Clark to receive and file the treasurers report, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park update – Stormont states that nothing going on at the present. (b) Sewer Usage fee – Stormont presented the draft proposal to the Leoni Regional Authority regarding the sewer off/on fee but has not had any final decision from any of the other municipalities. (c) Land Purchase update – Supervisor has sent a letter to RSW development and they have verbally accepted our offer. We are now preparing a written offer. (d) Weed Assessment District – The permit fees for the DEQ will now be sent. Letters will also be sent to those in the district that stated they would pay the assessment fee up front and we will be asking them to have it to the Township office by March 20th, 2009. (e) Multi Jurisdictional Park and Recreation Commission Agreement – The commission members have now been appointed by each jurisdiction and we now need to formally approve the commission members. James Stormont, Scott Bray, John Lesinski represent Grass Lake Charter Township, John Paterra, Diane DeBoe, Tom Nolte represent the Village of Grass Lake and Douglas Moeckel, Eric McCalla, Bradley Hamilton represent the Grass Lake Community Schools. Moved by Adams to approve the establishing of the Multi-jurisdictional park and recreation commission and its' members, supported by Lesinski.

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Motion carried by voice vote. (f) 5 year recreation plan update – Stormont stated that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 11th at 4:00 p.m. here at the Township hall to go over what Region II has been working on and to go over the goals and objectives with all possibilities that we would like to see in the community and to try to finalize the overall recreation plan.

New Business: (a) Jackson County Road Commission project update - A report has been received from the Jackson County Road Commission regarding all the road work that has been done in Jackson County for 2008 and also the projected cost of brine for the 2009 dirt roads. The Road Commission annual meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12th at Cascade Manor. The cost is \$ 15.00 per person. (b) New Michigan Uniform Energy Code – set fees; Thomas Nolte, Building Inspector has prepared a packet for contractors and homeowners showing step by step what the new energy code is requiring. There will be 3 more inspection fees that will need to be added to the building permit fee. A backfill inspection, insulation inspection, and a rescheck certification review. Moved by Stormont to establish the additional inspections to our fee schedule of backfill inspection \$ 50.00, insulation inspection \$ 50.00, rescheck program \$ 60.00 and rescheck certification review \$ 35.00, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessor Report: A verbal report was given by the Assessor, stating that she is working on land values, ECF studies and neighborhoods. The CPI for 2009 taxes is 4.4%. Mr. Rodgers from the State Tax Commission has given the 14 point mini review and this will be discussed more at the work session.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Jones report states that they had 15 residential rescues, 1 vehicle/PI incident, 3 unknown incidents, 1 structure fire, 3 vehicle fires, 1 smoke investigation, 1 grass fire/open burning, 2 automatic aid given in Napoleon Township, 1 mutual aid given and 1 mutual aid received for the month of January. **Old Business:** (a) Fire Station internet – Broadstripe has completed the connection to the fire station for the internet service and it is now working. (b) WaterlooTownship/Stock-bridge Fire Authority update – We have requested a meeting with Waterloo and a date has not been established at this time. **New Business:** (a) Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement Between Fire Departments – Every 4 years this agreement needs to be approved and signed. Moved by Hart to enter into the mutual aid agreement, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

Zoning Administrator Report: Thomas Nolte is working with the Planning Commission in regards to finalizing updates to the Zoning Ordinance and feels that they should also take a look at the Master Land Use Plan.

Public Comment: Judy McCaslin representing the Whistlestop Depot stated that work is needed to be done on the floors at the depot. Supervisor is going to get with her in regard to what work needs to be done.

Adjournment: Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Lesinski, supported by Bray. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk