

## APPROVED MINUTES

**Regular Meeting** of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Harshbarger, Lesinski, Zenz present. Also present: Fire Chief Jones and Shannon Maynard, Citizen Patriot reporter. Pledge to Flag recited.

**Agenda Additions:** Under new business (f) John Lesinski asked to add Home Base Businesses. Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Loveland. Motion Carried.

**January Regular and Work Session Minutes:** Trustee Bray stated that a correction /addition to the work session minutes – which was that we discussed and agreed to hold our work sessions on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 8:30 a.m. Moved by Lesinski to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented and the work session with correction, supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Bills:** Monthly bills in the amount of \$ 30,784.98 from the General Fund and \$ 10,161.32 from the Allocated Fire Fund were presented. Moved by Clark to pay the monthly bills as presented, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Clark, Lesinski, Bray, Zenz, Harshbarger, Loveland, Stormont. Clerk then presented a bill from Jackson County Equalization Department for assessing in December and a mileage bill from our Assessor DeBoe which was for doing field work and attending the BS&A class in Okemos. Due to the fact that the \$ 2000 that was approved during budget work session was not added to the bottom line of the Assessor Department, a budget amendment was required in order to pay the Jackson County Equalization bill. Moved by Clark to amend the General Fund expenditures to reflect a \$ 2000.00 increase in the Assessor's Department making the bottom line total \$ 50,018 instead of \$ 48,018 and making the total estimated expenditures for 2008 \$ 531,956, using \$ 27,227 from Fund Equity to balance the 2008 budget, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Clark, Lesinski, Bray, Harshbarger, Stormont. Nays: Loveland, Zenz Treasurer Loveland asked that we make separate motions to approve the two outstanding bills. Moved by Loveland to approve the Assessor's mileage bill for \$ 69.72, supported by Clark. Motion Carried. Moved by Stormont to pay the Jackson County Equalization bill for \$ 500.00 for the month of December, supported by Lesinski. Voice Vote: Yeas; 5 Nays 2

**Treasurers Report:** Loveland states that interest rates are going down, but he did invest from some of the funds today for CD's at 3.1 %. Moved by Zenz to receive and file the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence:** Stormont stated that he had not received any, however he did copy the article from "M Live" regarding the new sewer facility in Leoni Township.

**Old Business:** (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park – nothing happening at this time.  
(b) Water District Update – Loveland states that the only thing he has received is a

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\$ 594.50 bill from the Attorney and still do not have any resolutions that would be needed. **(c)** Sewer Tap Fee Increase – Loveland has not contacted any one other than Bill Lester from Lester Bros. but does not have a quote from them. He will contact others. **(d)** LDFA – A public hearing is the next step, but Supervisor wants the board to agree as to the location of the district before we have the public hearing. **(e)** 2009 Power Boat Race – Supervisor passed out an agenda for the next meeting. The date has been changed and the race would be July 25 thru August 2, 2009. There is to be a Junior Division race also. A championship race is also planned for here in 2008. **(f)** PA-116 application for David and Karen Dorr – Moved by Zenz to approve the application for the PA-116 agreement for David and Karen Dorr, supported by Harshbarger. Motion Carried. **(g)** BS&A Bill Paying Proposal – Loveland has not contacted BS&A to set up a presentation, will check into it after the winter tax collection.

**New Business:** **(a)** Board of Review Meeting Dates – Moved by Lesinski to approve the 2008 March Board of Review Appeal Hearings on Tuesday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 12, 2008, supported by Zenz. Motion Carried **(b)** Board of Review Resolutions - ( 1 ) Resolution for Board of Review Poverty/Hardship Guidelines – Zenz offered the resolution for Board of Review Poverty/Hardship Guidelines, using the Federal poverty guidelines chart for 2008 assessments, supported by Bray. Motion Carried. ( 2 ) Resolution for Residents to Protest in Writing to the Board of Review – Clark offered the resolution, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried. **(c)** Job title other than Deputy for Cathy Zenz – after discussion, the issue was tabled. **(d)** Policy and Procedure Amendment – part time vacation: After discussion, it was decided that we should give an example as to how it would work and we will discuss it further at the February work session. **(f)** Ganton Sewer Cost/Revenue Proposal – Supervisor asks to move this to the end of the meeting due to going into executive session. **(h)** Home Based Business – Lesinski has discussed this with Zoning Administrator Nolte and due to the fact that we do not have any formal application on file, perhaps it would be beneficial to know who and where all the present Home Based Businesses are located. Supervisor suggests that the Planning Commission prepare a draft application and present it to the Township Board for their approval.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Jones states that they had 14 rescues, 2 PI Accidents, 8 unknown accidents, 1 vehicle fire, 2 smoke investigations, 2 arching wires (outside), 2 Automatic Aid Given to Napoleon Township, 1 opening burning and 1 weather alert for the month of January. **Old Business:** **(a)** Adams Building Contractors invoice – Supervisor has talked with Dave Adams and as soon as he returns from hunting trip will set down with the Supervisor to discuss the invoice. **(b)** Broadstripe contract for cable at the fire station – need to get in touch with Rick Clark as we are in need of clarification of the agreement. **New Business:** Chief stated that he is working with the county in regard to the “unknown” accidents that are dispatched on the Highway and when the department responds, they are finding nothing

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**Comment:** Clerk told the board that she had received word from Sgt. Bridgewater of the Cooper Street Facility today and that he is writing up the agreements, so we will have our work crews starting on April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2008.

Moved by Clark to go into executive session at 8:55 p.m., supported by Bray.

Moved by Lesinski to convene the regular meeting of the Township Board at 9:20 p.m., supported by Loveland.

Moved by Clark that Grass Lake Charter Township will provide water and sewer to the Ganton Retirement Campus on East Michigan Avenue contingent upon agreement with John Ganton, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried.

Moved by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Zenz. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor  
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk