

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2009

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Hart and Lesinski present. Absent: Adams, Jr. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, County Commissioner Lutchka, Citizen Patriot reporter Shannon Maynard and 3 public. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Under Fire Department New Business (a) Cadet Applications and (b) Computer bids. Under New Business General (b) printer quote for Assessor office.

Agenda Approval: Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with the added items, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Bray to approve the February 10th regular meeting minutes and the Feb. 24th work session minutes, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Moved by Bray to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 45,215.23 and the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 8,413.71, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr.

Treasurers Report: Loveland states that he has collected \$ 8,201.02 for the Aquatic Weed Control fund. A representative from Key Bank has contacted him and now that tax collection is over, he intends to meet with him to see what they have to offer. Moved by Clark to receive and file the treasurers report.

Correspondence: Clerk had received the letter from the Jackson County Resource Recovery Facility stating that they were again offering a spring and fall clean up with a 20% discount, but we had to advise what days that would be. Clerk responded with our spring clean up date being April 25th and the fall clean up date being October 24th, 2009.

Old Business: (a) Nothing much going on at the present. Heather Brown is getting more bids on scoreboards and Stormont is getting bids for concrete for the mounting of the scoreboards. (b) Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Control – Professional Lake Management is planning on doing the first treatment in April, money has been sent in to get the permits. (c) Land Purchase update – Supervisor has talked with the owners and they are concerned that they will be required to pay for a new site plan review. Stormont told them that would not have to be done, however, it is subject to the Planning Commission for the final decision. (d) Ordinance Enforcement- Stormont has talked to Garry Gitcho and has not heard back from him if he is interested in the position. (e) Multi Jurisdictional Park and Recreation 5 year plan update – The committee will hold a final review meeting on March 25th at 4:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. They are waiting for input from the High School and Village for projects that they want to be included in the plan. They have also scheduled the public hearing to be held on May 6th at 7:00 p.m.

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New Business: Comment was made by Trustee Lesinski in regard to the purchasing of an item if it has already been put in the budget, expressing that he feels we do not need to bring it to the board before purchasing. Stormont stated that because the trustees are not at the office every day, this was a way to inform them of what is needed or being done.

Assessor Report: DeBoe states she had found errors in some of the assessment notices that had been sent out and therefore needed to resend them again. Also, is busy preparing for the March Board of Review which will be the 11 and 12th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and an extra day will be held on Wednesday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also, inquired about overtime for the assistant. However, our policy and procedure does not give overtime to part-time employee.

Fire Department Report: Chief states that they had 11 residential rescues and 1 smoke investigation and 3 automatic aid given for the month of February. This is the smallest amount of calls they have had for any one month for quite some time.

New Business: (a) applications for 4 persons to be on the Cadet program – Chief Jones gave a report on each of the candidates that had applied, they had been interviewed by the Chief and some of his officers. The cadet program will be handled by the Chief and 2 of his officers. Chief has recommended the approval for the following persons: Nicholas Martinez, Bradley Stachowiak, Kevin Umerlik and Matthew Williams. Moved by Hart to approve the recommendation of the Chief to accept the applications of the 4 named persons to the Grass Lake Charter Township Fire Department Cadet program, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. Computer, printer quotes had been received from our IT person, Greg Brewer. After discussion, Stormont moved that we go with the mini tower computer contingent upon Trustee Bray reviewing the details with Greg Brewer to make sure that everything that is needed is included, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment: County Commissioner Lutchka asked if the Township does a Dog Census. Clerk responded that several years ago we did, but have not done so for quite some time. Renovations are being done at the County Tower Building so that the Register of Deeds, Treasurer and Equalization Departments will all be on the same floor. The commissioners are working on a combined City/County Park Authority.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Bray. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk