

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Harshbarger, Lesinski and Zenz present. Also present; Fire Chief Jones, County Commissioner David Lutchka, Shannon Maynard, Citizen Patriot reporter and 1 public. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda: Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda as written, supported by Zenz. Motion Carried

Public Comment: County Commissioner David Lutchka stated that Region 2 is looking for 3 public members to set on the Region 2 area agency on aging and 1 for the hospital finance authority. If anyone is interested they should call the county for an application. He also stated that he would be running for re-election for the County Commissioner position and mentioned several accomplishments that had been made since he has served as County Commissioner.

Minutes: Moved by Lesinski to approve the February 12th regular meeting minutes and the February 26th work session minutes as printed, supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: Monthly bills in the amount of \$ 35,915.35 from the General Fund and \$ 12, 427.77 from the Allocated Fire Fund were presented. Moved by Clark to pay the monthly bills as presented with approval to pay the additional \$ 500.00 to Bud Freysinger for 42 veteran flag holders as soon as an invoice is received from the Veterans office, supported by Harshbarger. Discussion: In regard to the payment for the flag holders, due to proper procedure not being followed and due to receiving the information today, the consensus of the board was to get the proper invoice and put into the next months bills. Clerk then withdrew her motion, Harshbarger withdrew his support. Clark then moved to amend her motion, deleting the \$ 500.00 to Bud Freysinger and to pay the monthly bills in the amounts of \$ 35,915.35 from the General Fund and \$ 12,427.77 from the Allocated Fire Fund, supported by Harshbarger. Roll Call: Yeas; Clark, Harshbarger, Zenz, Loveland, Bray, Lesinski, Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Loveland states that this months report reflects the CD transfers that he mentioned on his last month report. The Revenue Sharing check that was received on March 2nd was \$ 1300.00 more than anticipated. He will be settling with the County for 2007 tax collection. Moved by Stormont to receive and file the treasurers report as presented, supported by Zenz. Motion approved by voice vote.

Correspondence: Stormont mentioned the Spring Expo being on March 15 and 16 and that the Township, Village, School Board and Chamber of Commerce are putting on a power point to show what is going on in the community at 2:00 p.m. both days of the expo.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park – nothing going on at this time. (b) Water District Update – Loveland asked to table to April. (c) Sewer Tap fee increase – Loveland asked to table to April. (d) LDFA area – Stormont asked that we all mark the area in which we would like to have in the LDFA as he would like to proceed with the formal hearings and adoption. (e) BS&A bill paying proposal – Loveland asked to table to April. (f) East Michigan Avenue Sewer/Water Extension – Ganton is planning to go forward, the engineer drawings will not be ready for about 6 months. (g) Policy and Procedure Amendment-part time; Clark moved to amend Section B: Part time non-elected personnel (avg. less than 35 hours per week for course of 1 year), 1)Paid Vacation: a) Delete “Same as above, except based on average hr/wk for previous year.” Add New: a) Receive one day paid vacation after every 250 hours after 90 days probation, retroactive to start date. 4) Paid Holidays: a) Three days (New Years, Thanksgiving and Christmas), providing they have met the 90 day probation period. After 3 years give an additional Holiday (Martin Luther King Day), after 5 years give 1 more additional Holiday (Presidents Day), after 10 years of service, (Memorial Day) and each year after, receive 1 additional Holiday per year to the maximum number of Holidays as posted by the Township Board in January of each year, supported by Lesinski. Motion approved by voice vote.

New Business: (a) Mileage rate increase – Clark moved to increase the mileage rate from 41 ½ cents per mile to 50 ½ cents per mile as allowed by IRS for miles traveled for Township business to become effective immediately, supported by Loveland. Discussion – Clark then amended the motion, stating to follow IRS rates and guidelines for mileage traveled for Township business to become effective immediately, March 12, 2008, Loveland supported the amendment. Motion approved by voice vote. (b) Assessor – part time help – Diane DeBoe has prepared several things that are needed to be done in the Assessor office in which she would like to have extra help. Supervisor asked that board members look the packet over and if they have any questions, to contact Assessor DeBoe.

(c) Joint meeting with Village of Grass Lake – Supervisor has set a joint meeting with the Village of Grass Lake for March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Village office and the purpose of the meeting is connection fees for sewer/water (new) customers in the Township. (d) Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and Building Inspectors inspection fee increase – Moved by Loveland to increase the inspector fees from the current \$ 45.00 per inspection to \$ 50.00 per inspection as of April 1, 2008, supported by Zenz. Motion approved by voice vote. (e) Fee Schedule Increase for Inspectors – Moved by Clark to raise the inspection fees for the Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and Building inspections from \$ 45.00 to \$ 50.00 to become effective on April 1, 2008, supported by Lesinski. Motion approved by voice vote.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Jones report shows that they had 26 residential rescues, 5 PI accidents, 10 unknown accidents, 1 fire alarm, 1 mutual aid given and 3 automatic aid given to Columbia Township and Napoleon Township and 1 weather alert for the month of February. Chief is working with central dispatch in regard to the unknown accidents. **Old Business:** Broadstripe contract for cable - Clerk has not had any luck getting in contact with Rick Clark. Trustee Bray will try an e-mail to see if we

can get some results. Regarding the invoice from Adams Building Contractors, we are going to contact our Insurance Company and see if this would be covered under our Insurance.

Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Report: Zoning Administrator Nolte had prepared a written report, however not to much is going on at this time.

Adjournment: Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn, supported by Lesinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk