

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Harshbarger, Lesinski, Zenz present. Also present: County Commissioner David Lutchka, Fire Chief Jones and Jackson Citizen Patriot News Reporter, Shannon Maynard. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda: Moved by Lesinski to approve agenda as written, supported by Zenz. Motion approved by voice vote.

Public Comment: County Commissioner Lutchka states that they plan to move 3 of the offices to the second floor of the Tower Building. They will be the Treasurers, Register of Deeds and Equalization Department offices. They plan to change the commissioners meeting room either to the 5th or 7th floor. They will be starting to work with the search committee for the assistant Administrator. Next month they are looking for 6 persons to be members on the Grand River Water Shed Council, they need one more person for the area agency on aging, a new business is coming into the airport which will be employing 3 or 4 persons.

Minutes: Moved by Bray to approve the March 11th meeting minutes as written, supported by Lesinski. Motion approved by voice vote. Moved by Bray to approve the March 25th work session minutes as written, supported by Loveland. Motion approved by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Moved by Clark to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$ 29,220.30 from the General Fund and \$ 17,992.56 from the Allocated Fire Fund, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Clark, Lesinski, Bray, Stormont, Loveland, Harshbarger, Zenz.

Treasurers Report: Loveland stated that he had some Certificate of Deposits come due and the best interest rate that he could get for renewal was 3.25 %. He has settled with the County for the 2007 tax year and it will be another month before we will get our settlement from the County. Moved by Clark to receive and file the treasurers report, supported by Zenz. Motion approved by voice vote.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park- Stormont stated that he had received a \$ 1,000 donation, which was put towards paying of some outstanding bills. Also received \$ 425.00 for the Navi-Tran GPS System that was raffled off at the expo. Another 12 have been donated to use for a fund raiser and Stormont would like suggestions. (b) Water District Update (c) Sewer Tap Fee Increase (e) BS&A Bill Paying Proposal – Loveland states he will get something going on these 3 items for the May meeting. (d) LDFA – Public Hearing; Stormont would like to hold the public hearing on May 13th, at 7:00 p.m. before the regular monthly meeting. Notices have to be sent to all taxing jurisdictions and residents twenty days before the hearing. (f) Assessor,

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Assistant Wages, Budget Amendment – Stormont recommends that we amend the Assessor budget to add \$ 6,000 to the Assistant Assessor #101-209-000-703.001. After further discussion, Loveland moved to amend the Assessor budget to increase the line item for Assistant Assessor dollar amount by \$ 6,000, supported by Harshbarger. Motion by voice vote – 6 yeas and 1 nay. Motion Carried.

New Business: (a) Sewer Connection fee evaluation – Both the Village and Township have contacted Benzenski & Co. to get clarification on the connection fees. (b) Extreme recycling systems proposal – Chris Nevins has contacted Supervisor Stormont regarding being at our transfer station on the days that we have trash days to remove freon from refrigerators etc. Board made no decision at this time. (c) Consumers Power Street Lighting – a request had been received to install street lights at Mt.Hope Road/Deer Run and Mt. Hope Road/Willow Creek with a bill for installation. Clerk had checked this out with Larry Gardener from Consumers Power and with Zoning Administrator Thomas Nolte and no one knew who had sent in the request. Nothing will be done regarding the request until we can do further investigating. Also, the Clerk has received a letter from Consumers asking for an easement to be signed to go across the Community Park Property in order to connect power to Verizon Wireless for the Tower. (d) Jackson County Road Commission – chloriding of dirt roads – Board did not make a decision of the liquid dust control program as the agreement states using Mineral Brine on all certified gravel roadways instead of chloride as they have used in the past. The cost that is quoted, \$4,060.00 is the same as last year for which we received chloride. Supervisor to find out the difference before our May meeting.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Jones states that we had 23 residential rescues, 2 PI accident/vehicle accident, 5 unknown accidents, 2 structure fires, 1 arching wires (outside), 3 automatic aid given to Napoleon, 2 automatic aid received and 2 grass fires for a total of 40 for the month of March. **Old Business:** (a) Broadstripe Contract for Cable to Fire Station – Moved by Zenz to sign agreement with Broadstripe to install cable to the Fire Station, supported by Bray. Motion approved by voice vote.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement: Stormont has spoken with the under sheriff and he stated that Rick Deland would be doing the enforcement. He will be contacting Huhman on Norvell Road, Dean Meyer on Wolf Lake Road, Lentz on Grey Tower Road at the present time. The Risgin property on East Michigan Avenue has notified us that they will be cleaning up there property and that they intend to have someone farming the land.

Adjournment: Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn, supported by Lesinski. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk