

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, April 13th, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Adams, Jr., Hart and Lesinski present. Also present, Hearing Officer Gitcho, Mike Shirkey, candidate for the 65th district, Assessor DeBoe, and 4 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Minutes: Motion by Lesinski to approve the March 9th regular meeting, March 23rd work session and March 23rd special meeting, supported by Bray. Discussion – on page two, third line – typo error, should be two quotes instead of to quotes. Motion carried by voice vote

Monthly Bills: Hart questioned the Consumers bill for the Community Park as it was an increase of \$ 60.00 from last month bill. Loveland stated that it was an estimated bill, but have no idea why the big increase. Loveland questioned the bill to Julius J. Hoffman for the quick claim deed for property from Robert, Veronica and Mary Zick. Stormont stated that this was for 3 acres donated to the Township for additional trails for the Community Park and that the quick claim deed is made out to Grass Lake Charter Township. Loveland then made the motion to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$37,363.20, Allocated Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 16,076.32 and Grass Lake Community Park \$ 5,189.26, supported by Adams, Jr. Roll Call: Yeas; Loveland, Adams, Jr., Hart, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray.

Treasurers Report: Moved by Bray to receive and file the treasurers report as printed, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessor Report: DeBoe had received an invoice from the CSZ Assessing & Re-Appraisal firm and stated that it was incorrect and also it was not sent in time for it to be paid at this time. They have re-appraised properties in sections 13 thru 18 and section 24. Loveland then stated that we have had significant changes in values on two IFT's. The values have been lowered. The board will investigate to see if they are in line with the application as to when it was put in place.

Hearing Officer Report: Gitcho states that everything is down at 3488 Kalmbach Road and Mr. Parkinson is working out some sort of a plan with a farmer in regards to the burning of the remains of the house. A property on Norvell Road and on East Michigan Avenue are showing some progress.

Correspondence: Jackson Citizens for Economic Growth, Michigan turnaround plan meeting to be held at Ella Sharp Community room on Monday April 26th at 6:30 p.m.

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The Grass Lake Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing to be held June 18th, in which they again plan to contribute the majority of the proceeds to the Grass Lake Community Sports and Trails Recreation Park.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails grant application – Supervisor submitted a grant to the DNR on March 30th. We will no doubt know in August if we qualified but it will be December before you would receive any money. (b) My Pro Audit – Clerk has received a report back from Gary Haga and he stated that at this time our utility bills appear to be correct, but he does advise us that we should probably check them again in 6 months. (c) Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector fee increase – the reason for increasing the fees is due to the fact that the schooling for certifications and license has gone up in price. After discussion – Moved by Loveland to increase the Plan Review hourly rate from \$ 20.00 to \$ 25.00 per hour, monthly expense from \$ 30.00 to \$ 40.00 per month and to increase the permit base fee from \$ 25.00 to \$ 30.00, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business: (a) Resolution of Intent – LRUA – Moved by Lesinski to offer the “Resolution Of Intent To Accept Offer Of Leoni Township To Transfer Responsibilities and Obligations Of The Leoni Wastewater Treatment Plant To Leoni Regional Utility Authority” with the stated correction in the third “Whereas” from February 9, 2010 to March 9, 2010, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Plan Review Retainer Fee – tabled to next meeting. (c) Website Site Proposal – Bray had done some research from different vendors and felt that the LIAA website which has been developed for the MTA website would be the best one to follow. Moved by Bray that subject to finding money in the budget to do this, then proceed with LIAA website designer and host, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) FEMA Resolution (second one) – due to clarification to the original ordinance and now that the maps will be available it was necessary to amend ordinance #09-02. Moved by Stormont to approve the amendment to ordinance #09-02, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (e) Hydro Stock Outboard Races July 10, 11 and Sept. 11 and 12 - A draft letter of support to be sent to the Jackson County Parks Department had been prepared by Supervisor Stormont. The board had no objection to the letter that had been prepared to be sent. (f) I-94 Reconstruction - A map showing the changes to be made on the east bound exit on Mt. Hope Road was presented. The work is to be done in June and July of 2010. (g) Quote from Ripstra for cemetery survey – Moved by Adams, Jr. to hire Ripstra & Scheppelmann to do the cemetery survey, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Department Report: Fire Department report was accepted as presented. An application for employment on the Fire Department had been received from Chief Jones for Steven Michael Demosiuk. Stormont recommended that we approve him subject to Chief Jones getting all the information that he does not have, supported by Hart. Recommendation carried by voice vote.

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Administrative policies was tabled to the April 27th work session.

Public Comment: Bill Lowe, Sons of Union Veteran of Foreign Wars was present inviting everyone to attend the ceremony that is being held on Saturday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m. at the Maple Grove Cemetery for former resident and veteran Mr. Thomas. Mike Shirkey briefly spoke in regard to his campaign for the 65th district representative.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Clark. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk