

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:35 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Lesinski, Harshbarger, Zenz present. Also present: Assessor Diane DeBoe, Jackson Citizen Patriot Reporter, Shannon Maynard and 3 public. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Under Old Business – (j) re-zoning for RSW Development, LLC , (Marion Meadows) Under New Business – © Plaque for Bill Rhines, Fire Department New Business – (b) full pay for Cadets. Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Zenz. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Moved by Lesinski to approve the April regular meeting and April work session minutes as written, supported by Zenz. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Monthly bills in the amount of \$ 31,590.62 from the General Fund and \$ 23,146.09 from the Allocated Fire Fund were presented. Moved by Bray to pay the monthly bills as presented, supported by Clark. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Clark, Lesinski, Loveland, Harshbarger, Zenz, Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Loveland stated that he has added a little more information to his monthly report, such as maturity dates and interest rates on c d's. Also, has had a representative from Citizens Bank into the office to discuss investments, as Edward Jones is having some difficulty in securing certificate of deposits from different Michigan banks. Loveland states that he has received the DNR property taxes and the Revenue Sharing payment that was received on the first of May was \$ 729.00 more than anticipated. Moved by Clark to receive and file the Treasurers report, supported by Zenz. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park – Verizon Wireless has started installation of the Tower on April 28th, the Township should be receiving our first check soon. David Adams, Sr. has initiated a tree donation project in which the cost is \$ 165.00 and he takes care of the planting and of putting a plaque stated who it is donated by or in memory of. A grant request has been sent to Weatherwax Foundation on May 5th for \$ 58,000, which if granted will take care of the scoreboards, finishing the restrooms in concession building and bleachers for the baseball fields. It takes 8 to 12 weeks before the money is granted. Another grant has been sent into Lowe's for materials to complete the bathrooms. They have stated that they will no doubt donate some of the materials and give a special price on the balance of the materials needed. (b) Water District Update – (Basso) Loveland has talked with Attorney Mark Nettleton and he states that he is waiting to hear from Bendzinski in regards to a new payment schedule, after receiving that information, he will prepare a resolution that will need to be passed by the board in regard to the water project. (c) Sewer Tap fee increase – Loveland states he has not gotten any quotes from other contractors as yet, but will get working on it. (d) BS & A bill paying proposal – Loveland has sent an e-mail to Patty

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Melton and feels that it would be best to have her come to the office and we then could get some questions answered. **(e)** Assistant Assessor position – a committee was appointed to interview candidates for the position, which was Supervisor Stormont, Clerk Clark and Trustee Bray, due to Treasurer Loveland being out of town. We interviewed 5 candidates and one candidate did not give a phone that he could be contacted for an interview. It was the recommendation of the committee to hire 2 part time persons, but still keep the same budget amount as previously budgeted for the assistant position. The recommendation was for Fred Myall and Chandra Craft. Moved by Bray to offer to Fred Myall and Chandra Craft for the position of assistant assessor, supported by Loveland. Motion approved by voice vote. **(g)** Verizon Tower progress – discussed under item (a). **(h)** Norvell Road Traffic Light – funding is available and the Road Commission states that it will be installed in the month of June. **(i)** Jackson County Road Commission, Chloride dirt roads for 2008 – they will be using Brine instead of Chloride. Brine cost 16 cents per gallon and chloride cost 51 cents per gallon. They will be putting on two applications of brine. Moved by Loveland to contract with Jackson County Road Commission to brine the dirt roads, supported by Lesinski. Voice vote – 6 Yeas and 1 Nay. Motion Carried. **(j)** Re-zoning request of Marion Meadows Phase 1 – Moved by Lesinski to except Region 2 Planning Commission and the Township Planning Commission to deny the request to rezone from Single-Family Residential to Multiple Family Residential, supported by Bray. Motion approved by voice vote.

New Business: **(a)** Resolution regarding deficit on 2007 audit for Community Park – Moved by Lesinski to accept the Resolution for Grass Lake Charter Township to enter into a deficit elimination plan for the fiscal year 2007, pursuant to the adjustment of the date, (June 2008) supported by Loveland. Motion approved by voice vote. **(c)** Plaque for Bill Rhines who is retiring from State of Michigan – Public Works Crew Supervisor – Moved by Clark to purchase a plaque for Bill Rhines on his retirement, supported by Zenz. Discussion – Clark amended the motion to include: not to exceed \$ 100.00, Zenz withdrew his support and then supported the amendment. Motion approved by voice vote. **(b)** Letter from Grass Lake 4th of July Committee – Terri Sheehy; no motion was made as we need to check with the Fire Department Auxiliary as to whether they had the concession stand, as the letter is stating the 4th of July committee using the concession stand.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief's report states that they had 16 residential rescues, 1 PI Accident, 2 Unknown Accidents, 1 Structure Fire, 2 Mutual Aid Given, 2 Mutual Aid Received, 2 Automatic Aid Given, 1 Automatic Aid Received, 10 Grass Fires and 1 Weather Alert for the month of April.

New Business: **(a)** Approve Application of Corey Kirkpatrick to the Fire Department – Moved by Lesinski to accept the application for employment to Corey Kirkpatrick and approve him for hire to the Fire Department, subject to the Fire Chief submitting to the

Clerk all of the information that is required, supported by Bray. Motion approved by voice vote. **(b)** Full pay to Cadets – After discussion, the boards decision was to have a

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“draft” update to the cadet program of the policy and procedure manual for the June meeting. Discussion was also held in regard to some of the firepersons who are not answering calls.

Zoning Ordinance Enforcement-Tom Nolte: Supervisor states that Mr. Nolte is following up on building issues.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement – Rick Deland: Supervisor states tickets have been issued for the Norvell/Grass Lake Road property. Supervisor asks that all board members familiarize themselves with the Blight Elimination and Dilapidated Building ordinances.

Public Comment: Mickey Mortimer was present and wished to announce to the board that he is running for the Jackson County Clerk position in August.

Supervisor mentioned that the Township Board will be holding a Public Hearing on the Local Development Finance Authority on May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Adjournment: Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn, supported by Lesinski. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk