

## APPROVED MINUTES

**Regular** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Bray, Stormont, Clark, Harshbarger present. Absent: Lesinski, Loveland, Zenz Also present County Commissioner Lutchka, Fire Chief Jones, News Reporter Shannon Maynard and 1 public. Pledge to flag recited.

**Agenda:** Moved by Bray to approve the agenda as written, supported by Harshbarger. Motion approved by voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Marci Wandell was present from the Jackson County Department on Aging and gave a presentation as to the different services that they have for Seniors. They are located at 1715 Lansing Avenue-Suite 672 and their phone number is (517) 788-4364 for anyone who wishes more information. One of their biggest services is the “meals on wheels”, serving approximately 600 meals per month. Their expenses are supported by 55 % in grants and donations, 45 % thru the Senior Millage.

County Commissioner Lutchka stated that they are now in the budget process and are doing a 2 year budget which is taking a lot more planning. Final approval has been given to move the Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Equalization departments to the second floor. The County audit has been completed and it appears that a million and a half dollars will be added to the rainy day fund.

**Minutes:** Moved by Bray to approve the May regular meeting and work session minutes as printed, supported by Harshbarger. Motion approved by voice vote. Treasurer Loveland arrived at 7:50 p.m.

**Monthly Bills:** Moved by Loveland to pay the Michigan Townships Association yearly membership dues excluding the legal defense amount of \$ 218.27, supported by Clark. Motion approved by voice vote. Clark then moved to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$ 36,887.35 from the General Fund and \$ 11,364.83 from the Allocated Fire Fund, supported by Harshbarger. Roll Call: Yeas; Clark, Harshbarger, Loveland, Stormont, Bray. Absent: Lesinski and Zenz.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer stated he had visited with Cindy Boss of Citizens Bank in regards to Money Market and Certificate of Deposits. Rates for money markets are about the same as they have been and certificate of deposits are a little over 2%. We have received our yearly metro act payment which was a little over \$ 6,200.00 Moved by Clark to receive and file the Treasurers report.

**Comments:** Fred Myall has withdrew his position on the Board of Review and is now assisting the Assessor with field work. We will be looking for another member for the Board of Review. Lori Post has resigned as Clerical Assistant.

**Old Business:** (a) Some work is going on at the Sports and Trails Park with dirt being brought in from the Village construction which will be used to extend the parking lot.

## Page 2

The Chamber of Commerce had a super golf scramble and the proceeds from that will be donated to the Sports and Trails Park. Also, the Lions Club annual raffle proceeds are being donated to the Sports and Trails Park. David Adams, Sr. has initiated a plant a tree program for \$ 165.00 which allows you to have a maple or some type of a flowering tree. A plaque will be placed by each tree stating "in memory of" or "donated by". **(b)**

Verizon Tower Progress – Tower is up, but still some electrical work to be done.

Supervisor has been contacted from a company called one-two-three net, which is a wireless internet service. They are talking about locating on the water tower. Stormont and Bray are meeting with the company and will update us later. Bray stated that verizon has done damage to the culvert and also has made a lot of damage to the road and parking lot. Supervisor to contact Verizon. **(c)** Michigan Avenue Intersection setback – Supervisor contacted Road Commission and they contacted Grass Lake Chevrolet and they were willing to move the cars back as they were on the road right-of-way. The traffic light is up and it will be flashing red for awhile. **(d)** BS & A bill paying proposal – Loveland has not received any response.

**(e)** Water District Update (Basso) – Stormont and Loveland met with Bendzinski, Wheatley and Attorney White. Bendzinski has prepared a new payment schedule for Basso with monies left from the construction fund. Attorney now needs to prepare a resolution for partial vacating the water assessment. **(g)** Sewer Tap Increase – nothing has been done on this.

**New Business:** **(a)** Bids for repairs to Township Hall-offices: Only have one quote and this is from Jackson Aluminium for replacing the gutters. Their quote was for \$ 8,296.00. Kleinschmidt has been here and we will be receiving their quote within the next few days. Clerk had received only one quote for the work on enlarging the Assessors office. Board would like to have another quote giving the exact amount, not just time and material. **(b)** Amendment/Updates to Building Code Ordinance 01-04: All Building codes need to be updated to the year 2006 and to add the International Fuel Gas Code to the Ordinance. Moved by Bray to amend Building Code Ordinance No. 01-04, supported by Harshbarger. Motion Carried by voice vote.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief's report was accepted as written.

**Old Business:** Amendment to Administrative Policies – (draft): Under GENERAL (d) add: In addition a maximum of four (4) firefighter Cadets may be assigned to a training program. Under GENERAL (g) last sentence – add: Approved new applicants (and/or Cadet's) . Under PAYROLL RECORDS, new a. Cadet Person Pay: Cadet persons pay shall remain at minimum wage until they have been approved by the Grass Lake Charter Township Board as new hire fire persons. Change alphabet listing. Add to the new I – \$ 1.55 greater than minimum wage established by State of Michigan. Under NEW PERSONNEL (Add CADETS) REQUIREMENTS. Moved by Bray to make the amendments to the Fire Department Administrative Policies as drafted, supported by Harshbarger. Motion carried by voice vote. Fire Chief stated that Tommy Burton who was on the Fire Department previously would like to be back on the department. They have interviewed him, however there are a few things that need to be checked.

**Page 3**

**Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report:** Rick Deland is monitoring the Huhman property. We will need to discuss this at our June Work Session.

**Comments:** Stormont explained a little more about the Smart Zone and also the Local Development Finance Authority.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bray. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor  
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk