

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting** of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Harshbarger, Lesinski present. Absent: Zenz Also present: County Commissioner Lutchka, Jackson Citizen Patriot News Reporter, Shannon Maynard and 2 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

**Agenda Additions:** Under New Business (e) Budget money towards Parks.

**Agenda Approval:** Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Douglas Shumard from Sandy Ridge Subdivision – Phase 1 spoke in regard to the information that we had received from Consumers Energy for the installing of a street light at the Deer Run entrance. He is secretary of the property owners association and a letter supposedly had been sent to the Township with his name on the letter requesting the street light. As of this date, the Clerk had not received anything other than the normal paper work that comes from Consumers Energy whenever there is a request for any type of street lighting. Jeanette Koziol of 5396 SandBeach Road was present to make a complaint in regards to her neighbor encroaching on her property line. This is basically a civil issue between her and her neighbor, however, Supervisor will ask our Ordinance Enforcement Officer to go out and talk to her neighbor, in which the address is 4067 SandBeach Road. County Commissioner David Lutchka then brought us up to date as to what is going on in the County. He stated that they will be interviewing all day on Thursday the candidates for Deputy Administrator. The County Treasurer may be asking that everyone has a noxious weed ordinance and this is due to the fact that there are so many foreclosures and the grass is not mowed. The County audit is coming back with a larger Fund Balance than anticipated, so they will be able to add more to the rainy day fund.

**Minutes:** Moved by Lesinski to accept the June 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, June 24<sup>th</sup> work session and June 26<sup>th</sup> special meeting as written, supported by Harshbarger. Motion approved by voice vote.

**Monthly Bills:** Moved by Bray to pay the monthly bills in the amounts of \$ 33,384.04 from the General Fund and \$ 7,127.79 from the Allocated Fire Fund, supported by Clark. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Clark, Lesinski, Harshbarger, Loveland, Stormont. Absent: Zenz

**Treasurer Report:** Loveland states that he will be transferring some money markets from the Edward Jones Company as the rates are only 1.57 %, whereas in a tiered savings at Farmers State Bank he can receive 2.59 % interest rates. Also will be checking with Cindy Boss from Citizens Bank. The summer tax bills were all mailed out on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The July 1<sup>st</sup> Revenue Sharing Check has been received and it was \$ 610.00 more than anticipated. Moved by Clark to receive and file the Treasurers report.

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**Correspondence:** Letter from Reserve a ride – JTA and complaint from Rick Kieth, who lives in the Village of Grass Lake on Michigan Avenue. The complaint was in regards to the Fire Department bringing the Grass Lake High School baseball team through town and the blowing of sirens which was in honor of them winning the Division 3 State Champion Baseball Tournament.

**Old Business:** (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park – Not much change since July 3<sup>rd</sup> other than a lot of dirt is being brought in from Michigan Avenue (in the Village) to use as fill for more parking lot and also for the development of two more baseball fields in the future. (b) Verizon Tower Progress – The Tower is up and running and if you get a card for your computer you can use wireless internet. They will be replacing the culvert that they smashed and also putting crushed stone on the driveway. (c) Sewer Tap Increase – Loveland has not done anything on this. He also mentioned that we needed to keep the John Basso Water Resolution on the agenda. American Tooling Center did make a water connection to the business and at the time was charged for the installation of the water. Due to Mr. Basso paying for the water line, he was not to be charged for the connection. Therefore, Loveland will be returning the connection fee to the American Tooling Center. (d) Foundation Grant - \$ 58,475.00; A copy of the letter in which Supervisor Stormont had requested grant money for the baseball fields was in the board member packets and the foundation wished to remain anonymous. The request was granted in the form of a challenged grant in which we have to come up with 50% of the money, or \$ 29,237.50 and this is to be received between June 23, 2008 and September 30, 2010. (e) “1 2 3 Net” Trial, Internet Wireless – Stormont and Bray met with the representative of the company and they are going to do an 180 day trial using a fiber-optic line that is running through Grass Lake. They are talking about using the Zenz farm on Bohne Road to place the receiver, which should cover a 3 to 5 mile radius.

**New Business:** (a) July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. will be the monthly work session followed by the hearing with Kenneth and Christine Huhman at 10:00 a.m. to review the two ordinance violations on Grass Lake Road. (b) American Tooling Center has turned in an IFT application in which a hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. (c) the Public Hearing for Local Development Finance Authority will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. (d) JTA reserve a ride- they are wondering how many people in the Grass Lake area are in need of the service. (e) Budget money towards Parks, John Lesinski – Lesinski would like to see us use the money that is being received from the tower on the Townships community park be used towards the parks, i.e. the community park and the whistlestop park. Supervisor suggested that Lesinski write up a proposal as to what percentage to go to each park. This would have to be worked in with the fiscal year budget.

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief report accepted as written.

**Old Business:** Amendment to Administrative Policies – Stormont has made the amendments to the Fire Department Administrative Policies and we need to make copies for members. (b) Approval of Tommy Burton application for the Fire Department –

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After discussion it was moved by Lesinski to accept Tommy Burton application for the Fire Department contingent upon Fire Chief Jones getting all of the information required, supported by Bray. Further discussion - Stormont called for the vote – Motion failed.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn, supported by Bray. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor  
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk