

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont. Board members present: Adams, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski and Bray. Also present: Deputy Clerk Zenz, News Reporter Shannon Maynard, County Commissioner David Lutchka, Assessor Assistant Dennis and 1 public. Pledge to flag was recited.

Agenda Additions: none

Agenda: Motion by Hart to approve agenda as presented supported by Lesinski. Yeas All.

Public Comment: Commissioner Lutchka gave a report on what is happening at the County level. They have the budget adopted for 2010 and it was a smooth process. Horse Park update should know more by the fall.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Bray to approve the minutes of the June 9 Regular Board Meeting, June 23 Work Session and June 23 Special Board Meeting. Supported by Hart. Yeas All.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Lesinski to pay the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$36,086.31 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$13,978.45, also adding to pay the Grass Lake Community Park bills in the amount of \$80.00 and Grass Lake Weed Control District bill in the amount of \$2777.50. Supported by Clark, Roll Call: Yeas All.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Clark to receive and file the report. Supported by Lesinski. Yeas All. Loveland reported that an extra \$300.00 has been received for the Lake Weed Treatment. Also a possible payoff from a Title Company for a sale of a home in the district. Lesinski supported the motion. Yeas All.

Correspondence - Response from Leoni Township Supervisor in regards to Mutual Aid Agreements among Fire Departments.

Old Business:

- a. **Cemetery Sign Quotes** – Quotes were received from Special-Tees and Classic Images, Inc. Clark made motion to accept the quote from Special-Tees for \$995.00 for 2 signs, one in each of the cemeteries. Supported by Adams. Yeas All.
- b. **Field Usage Agreement** – the word permanent needs to be added to paragraph 6. (no *permanent* large or conspicuous) Also a response from Attorney Klaasen was received about paragraph 10. He stated that the second sentence in question should remain as is, this is standard language. Motion by Bray to approve the agreement with the modifications to paragraph 6. Supported by Adams. Discussion – Clerks office will accept the agreement and insurance forms and file for permanent record. We need to delegate someone to follow up with the parties

that have signed an agreement to make sure everything is being followed in the agreement. We should also think about posting something at the park that says anyone wanting to use this facility needs to sign an agreement. Clark states that on back of page we need to change the wording to Township Official for signing and also remove the words (*hand and*) from the last sentence. It should read “In Witness Whereof the parties have set their seals the day and year first above written.” Bray then modified his motion to include the above change and Adams re-supported. Yeas All.

- c. **Land Purchase Agreement** – Suggestion from Auditor is have the General Fund pay the \$75,000.00 plus the survey cost and then have the Fire Fund reimburse the General fund over a stated period of time. Stormont suggested that pay back be \$25,000.00 per year for a period of 3 years. Payment will probably have to be made within a month. Majority of board felt that the amount should be paid all in one lump sum and not carry over.
- d. **National Flood Insurance** – An informal meeting has been scheduled for July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. A letter was sent to all property owners in the new Flood Hazard Area. Les Thomas from MDEQ will also be present.
- e. **Whistlestop Depot/Township agreement revision** – paragraph #4 was amended. New copies were distributed to board members and Hart will give one to the Whistlestop Association .
- f. **Whistlestop Roof Replacement** – no response from the insurance company as to whether they will accept the claim or not.

New Business:

- a. **Agriculture Building Permit Proposal** – proposal for a compliance permit was presented to the board. The need for this was brought to the attention of the board due to a couple of large size barns being built in the Township. Information was received from the State. The title needs to be decided, the fee schedule and just what we want to include in this document. After discussion Adams moved to table the issue until the July Work Session, supported by Bray.
- b. **Utility Trailer Quotes** - Loveland phoned Fitzgibbons and they have a 7' x 16' trailer on the lot for \$1800.00. He will go and look at the trailer and see what modifications can be done to make the trailer useful. He will also see if they can provide a specification sheet so Adams and Hart can present to the other companies they are contacting to get some quotes.
- c. **Storage Shed Paint Quote** – Loveland had a quote from last year from Sherwin Williams. Loveland asked for suggestions on color and what type of paint we should use. CenPeCo will be contacted about the roof paint – fiber mesh for roof. The Public Works Crew will do the painting. Adams will have a painter stop by and give us an idea of what we might need. More information at Work Session.
- d. **August Board Meeting** – Clark made a motion to change the August meeting to the 18th at 7:30 p.m. but still allow the payroll and any AP's that will have a due date before the 18th to be paid by the 11th (the original meeting date). Supported by Lesinski. Yeas All.

Assessor Report – none

Fire Department Report – report accepted as received.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report – Sturgill is taking care of issues as they arise. Bray suggested that a report of violations and visits that he is making would be helpful.

Motion by Lesinski and supported by Hart to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Cathy Zenz, Deputy Clerk