

APPROVED MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Lesinski, Hart present. Absent: Adams, Jr. Also present, Fire Chief Jones, Citizen Patriot Reporter and 3 public. Pledge to flag recited.

Agenda Additions: under Old Business (i) Whistlestop Agreement and (j) Lease Agreement with Chamber of Commerce. Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with the noted additions, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. Fire Chief also asked if he could be moved up further on the agenda. Board agreed to move Fire Department report after the Assessor report.

Minutes: Moved by Hart to approve the July regular monthly, work session and special meeting minutes, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Moved by Bray to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$ 32,552.01 from the General Fund and \$ 5,143.47 from the Allocated Fire Fund, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr. Bray then amended his motion to include the Grass Lake Community Park Consumers bill of \$ 100.10, Lesinski supported the amendment. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr.

Treasurer Report: Loveland stated that several CD's came due on the 15th of August and he is presently working on getting the best interest for renewals. Moved by Lesinski to receive and file the Treasurer's report, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessor Report: Due to the absence of the Assessor, Supervisor Stormont discussed the report with the board. Clerk asked that this could be discussed further at the monthly work session and was supported by other board members.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief states that we had 11 residential rescues, 2 vehicle/pi incidents, 2 unknown incidents, 1 vehicle fire, 1 grass fire, 1 weather alert for a total of 18 calls for the month of July. They also gave automatic aid to Columbia and Napoleon Township and had 4 mutual aid calls. He has a new applicant for the department, however all of the paper work is not complete. Hopefully, he can get it to us before our work session.

Old Business: (a) Abandoned Residential Property Ordinance-After discussion, it was moved by Hart to put this ordinance on hold until we have a person hired to enforce the ordinance, supported by Bray. Yeas; 5 , Nay 1 Absent: Adams, Jr. (b) DDA Ordinance-Attorney Fahey had just been to the Jackson County Commissioners meeting and they have reversed their decision and will now opt-in to the DDA for this project – Ganton

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Rehabilitation Center. The Townships next step is to adopt the ordinance and then publish. Moved by Lesinski to offer the Ordinance to establish a Downtown Development Authority in Grass Lake Charter Township, pursuant to Act 197, Public Act of Michigan 1975, as amended; to determine the necessity thereof; to provide for the creation of the Authority; to define the boundaries of the Downtown District; to provide for the establishment of the Board of Directors for the Authority; to provide for the severability of the Ordinance; to provide for the repeal of conflicting Ordinances; to provide for the Notice and effective date thereof, with the changes to Section VI (Board of Directors) after Township Planning Commission, add "plus two individuals selected by the Township Board", supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. © Land Purchase Closing – Stormont states that if all is in order, a closing date has been tentatively been set for Thursday, August 27th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at American Title Company in Jackson. (d) FEMA Ordinance, resolution of intent, application – Moved by Lesinski to give approval for Grass Lake Charter Township to apply for the National Flood Insurance Program, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (e) Community Park rest room fixture quotes – Moved by Lesinski to approve the bathroom fixture quote from and installation from Jeff Wyers Plumbing, supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas; Lesinski, Bray, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr. Moved by Bray to approve the sewer connection fee of \$ 4,075.00 and tap fee of \$ 1,100.00 for the tap fee, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr. (f) AG building permit proposal – Moved by Bray to accept the Agricultural Building Compliance Application Fee Structure, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote. (g) Utility Trailer quote – The quote from Fitzgibbons Fleet Fabricators, LTD was for \$ 2,440.00, which is for a 6.5 x 16 Tandem Axle with Gate, weed wacker holder and storage box for tools and gas can in front of trailer. Moved by Clark to purchase the utility trailer from Fitzgibbons Fleet Fabricators, LTD, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (h) Horse park proposal update – Grass Lake is one of the proposed sites that they are looking at and they are looking at between 600 – 1000 acres. This will not be State or Federal funded, it is all private investors. (i) Lease Agreement between the Whistlestop Park Association and Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce – signatures need to be added for Grass Lake Charter Township. Liaison Hart states that at the meeting on Monday, August 24th, they discussed it and the correction is to be made. (j) Agreement with Whistlestop Park Association – the original agreement dated April 11th, 1989 was amended due to the fact that the association is now leasing the building to the Grass Lake Chamber of Commerce. There is still a question regarding the wording in No. 4 (Operation and Rental Periods). Hart is to check if the wording should be changed that the Chamber should be responsible for collecting the rental fees.

New Business: Garbage & Rubbish Disposal Ordinance – Supervisor noted that our ordinance does not address the burning of garbage. Due to some complaints, we feel that we need to add that the "burning of garbage is prohibited". Board members to look over the ordinance and this will be discussed at the work session.

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Zoning Administrator Report: Nothing from Mr. Nolte

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement:/ Brian Sturgill from the County Sheriff Department is working on several of the ordinance violations.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Bray. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk