

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Harshbarger, Lesinski present. Board members Bray and Zenz absent. Also present County Commissioner David Lutchka, Jackson Citizen Patriot reporter, Shannon Maynard and 3 public. Pledge to flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Under Old Business (L) Whistlestop Park and Delete (b) Sewer Tap Update.

Agenda Approval: Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda as changed, supported by Loveland. Motion approved by voice vote.

Public Comment: Jeanette Koziol asked what was happening with the complaint she had presented a month ago. Stormont responded that he is taking care of it with officer DeLand. Commissioner Lutchka reported that the County is in the budget process. They plan to eliminate approximately 35 employees over the next 2 years with retirements. Presently there are 750 employees. The study has been completed regarding possible sites for the Michigan Equine Park. They have a team that is to present the proposal, they have 5 possible sites and one being a 1000 acres next to the prison. Also, would like the buildings privately built and not by the government.

Minutes: Moved by Lesinski to approve the August 12th regular meeting minutes/public hearings and the August 26th work session as written, supported by Harshbarger. Motion approved by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Moved by Clark to pay the monthly bills including payroll in the amount of \$ 36,339.21 from the General Fund and \$ 10,875.93 from the Allocated Fire Fund, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Clark, Lesinski, Harshbarger, Loveland, Stormont. Absent: Bray and Zenz

Treasurer Report: Loveland stated that the Revenue Sharing check just received was more than budgeted. We had budgeted \$ 39,279 and received \$ 41,766. He has renewed C.D's with Farmers State Bank for a little longer period, receiving a little over 3%. These are in the General Fund, Fire Vehicle and Equipment Fund, Water Fund, Wolf Lake Sewer and the Common Fund. Moved by Clark to accept and file the Treasurers report.

Correspondence: Letter from Scott Moorehead and residents on Warrior Trail regarding the road being a race track. Asking what the Township could do, perhaps putting in a sidewalk. This will be further discussed at the Township Board work session in 2 weeks.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park update – Stormont stated the budget has not changed. He understands that monies are coming from the Chamber of Commerce for development of the park to soccer and baseball for tangible improvements at the park property. Loveland commented in regard to comments from our meeting with

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the baseball and soccer organizations that all purchases and monies should be taken care of through the Township account for the park. It was recommended that the different organizations meet with the Township Board at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 2008 which is the same night as our regular board meeting. (b) Sewer Tap Update – deleted. (c) LDFA update – Stormont is meeting with the Enterprise Group so as to be prepared with the full packet which is to be sent to the State after October 14th. (d) LRUA resolution of intent update – 12 out of the 13 entities have signed. Norvell Township will take this up at their next meeting and if they approve the task force will move forward with its management objective plan. (e) “123 Net” update – Bill Lockwood had contacted Stormont stating that they would not be doing anything in Grass Lake as to testing out the latest equipment for wireless internet. They have chosen the Detroit area instead. This item should be removed from our agenda. (f) Sandy Ridge Street Light Update – This is to be tabled to the October board meeting. (g) Huhman Property Update – A letter was sent on September 3rd and we are waiting for a response from the Huhman’s. (h) Fund Balance Transfer – this item will be discussed at the work session. (i) 1% Administrative fee proposal – Loveland will be checking further regarding legal procedures, but he feels that it would be for the 2009 budget year. (j) Bids to put doorway in between Assessor office/present Zoning Administrator office – Received bid from B & B Remodeling, Inc. for \$ 1,276 and a bid from Chris Payne Construction for \$ 1,285. Lesinski moved to award the job to Chris Payne Construction, supported by Bray. Loveland commented that his vote on this is not necessarily against the contractors – it is whether or not we do it, as he feels it is not necessary. Voice Vote: Yeas; 4 Nay 1 and Clark abstained due to the contractor chosen being her son-in-law. (k) Noxious Weed Ordinance – Clark recommends that we remove this from the agenda, Bray also feels we should not take on any more ordinances as we have not as yet completed the Blight or Dilapidated Building ordinance violations. (l) Whistlestop Park – Harshbarger states the windows are now repaired, but the door is not refinished. Also, the June ledger activities have been presented to us as agreed) Moved by Lesinski to pay the South Central Contracting, Inc. bill as soon as a proper invoice is made out to Grass Lake Charter Township, supported by Loveland. Motion approved by voice vote.

New Business: (a) Township office hours – continue 4 days? – We will discuss this further at the work session. (b) Joint meeting with Village regarding East Michigan Sewer and Water Extension – Stormont has not done anything further in regard to setting a meeting date.

Fire Department Report: Chief Jones states that we had 14 residential rescues, 2 vehicle/PI incidents, 1 unknown incident, 1 vehicle fire, 1 smoke investigation, 1 fire alarm, 1 grass fire, 1 Automatic Aid Given to Columbia Township, 6 Mutual Aid Given for the month of August. Chief is working on the Fire Vehicle replacement plan and will have it ready for the work session.

Moved by Clark to go into closed session at 8:40 p.m. for personnel matter, supported by Lesinski.

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Regular meeting called back to order at 9:30 p.m. Moved by Lesinski to hire Sherri Brooks as assistant to the assessor specifically to undertake the work for the 14 point review project and to be on a trial basis, supported by Bray. Motion Carried by voice vote.

Adjournment: Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn the meeting, supported by Lesinski. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk