

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Lesinski, Harshbarger, Zenz present. Also present Fire Chief Jones, Assistant Chief Zenz and 8 public. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Modifications: Item (j) under Old Business should be item (a) under New Business and add under New Business (b) Generator for Township office/hall. Under (1) Old Business – Office Hours. Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with modifications, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Moved by Bray to approve the September regular and work session minutes as presented, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. Moved by Bray to approve the September special meeting minutes as presented, supported by Zenz. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Clerk stated that we need to add the bill from The Times in the amount of \$ 783.84 to the General Fund monthly bills. This bill pays everything from March to September 2008. Moved by Bray to pay the General Fund monthly bills in the amount of \$ 34,545.46 and the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 6,882.06, supported by Zenz. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Zenz, Harshbarger, Loveland, Lesinski, Clark, Stormont.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland states that he is meeting with a company called "Munifest" who deals with municipalities and state that they have access to many Michigan banks for investments. Moved by Zenz to accept and file the Treasurers report.

Correspondence: Need more information in regards to " Red Flag Rules on Identity Theft". This will need to go into our Policy and Procedure manuals.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park Update- Stormont states that he has received some grant money and is following thru with the stipulations of that grant. (b) Local Development Finance Authority – "resolution to establish": After further discussion it was moved by Zenz to table the resolution to the November regular meeting, supported by Bray. Voice Vote – 6 Yeas, 1 Nay. (c) Property – Marion Meadows: Stormont has talked with the owners, this is land behind the Fire Station, he now needs to talk with the bank that holds the mortgage on the property and hopefully will have some figures for our next meeting. (d) LRU resolution of intent update –All 13 municipalities have approved the resolution of intent, they will now be able to move ahead with by-laws and management objectives. (e) 8 minute Video Production – Stormont has received a letter from JTV in which they are doing a promotional video of Jackson County, which is for attracting business and they are asking if we would contribute. They are asking for a \$ 500.00 contribution. Supervisor ask that we think about it and table the issue to the November meeting. (f) Sandy Ridge Street Light Update – Tim Gardener representing phase 1 of Sandy Ridge Subdivision had asked for a street light at the entrance off Mt. Hope Road that goes into Deer Run. He stated that his association approved the install-

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ation of the street light. However, the Sandy Ridge Subdivision is one Street Lighting District and even tho there is 2 different associations, the installation of one street light would be for the entire subdivision. Doug Schumard was also present and asked that we contact the association and have on our file a copy of the Home Owners association minutes where the street light at Deer Run entrance is to be installed, having the signature of the full board as well as being signed by each member in the association – phase 1. Moved by Zenz that we send the request back to the association and that the request be from both associations for 2 lights at both entry way into the subdivision or no lights, supported by Harshbarger. Motion carried by voice vote. (g) Huhman property update – Loveland has not gone on to the property with Mr. Huhman, but it seems that he has made some progress in regard to the Blight ordinance. The deadline on the dilapidated building ordinance violation is October 27th. (h) Fund Balance transfer – ball park; Moved by Harshbarger to put the \$ 13,000 figure into the 2009 budget for parks and recreation, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (i) Weed Control – Public Hearing, Stormont and Phil Wiard have been working on the public notices that have to be sent to the property owners and noticed in the newspaper. Petitions have been sent back and approximately 80% of the land covering the Lake district has been approved. We tentatively have set the dates of November 25th and December 17th for the public hearings. More details are needed to be worked out before the hearing in regard to the payment schedule for the Special Assessment Lake District. (k) Whistlestop Park Association – Stormont has received a 30 year maintenance plan from the association and we will be working on this with our budget workshops. (l) Township Office Hours – Moved by Clark to be open on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the office being open during the noon hour, but closed on Fridays, becoming effective on October 14th, 2008, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business: (a) Shared Fuel Tank (diesel) with Grass Lake Community Schools – An e-mail had been received from Doug Moeckel asking for our input to share in a common ground for the installation of an underground fuel tank that could be shared by the School, Village and Township. Our Fire Chief and Assistant Chief had checked into this and after discussion, the opinion of the board was that we would not be interested. (b) Generator for Township Hall/offices – Loveland had received a quote for \$ 13,978.00 for the cost and installation from Superior Industrial Sales & Service, Inc. We would also have to have some work done by Consumers in order to make the proper installation. It was decided to file the quote at this time.

Fire Department: Fire Chief's monthly report was accepted as printed.

Old Business: (a) Vehicle Replacement Plan – Chief states that he has it almost done. (b) Make change in “definitions” – Cadet Program – Chief would like to lower the age of the cadets to 15 instead of 16 as this would give them 3 years instead of 2 years before they graduate from High School. Moved by Clark that under “definitions” for the Cadet

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program that the age be lowered to 15 instead of 16, subject to the Labor Law, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement – Rick DeLand has a couple of complaints that he is now following up on.

Public Comment: Skip Freysinger spoke in regard to the millage proposal that will be on the November 4th General Election ballot for the Jackson District Library. Ron Solock from Congress Walberg office also spoke regarding the upcoming election and asking for support for Mr. Walberg.

Adjournment: Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn, supported by Zenz. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A Clark, Clerk