

## APPROVED MINUTES

**Regular** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Zenz, Harshbarger, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Also present: County Commissioner Lutchka, Assessor DeBoe and 4 public. Pledge to Flag recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** Under New Business (g) Assessor Report – Michigan Avenue Property Ordinance Violation; Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with amendments, supported by Harshbarger. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Heather Brown representing the Grass Lake Summer Youth League asked if the board would consider a “Resolution For Charitable Gaming License” as a resolution has to be given by the board for a non-profit organization. Commissioner Lutchka commended the board for the good work done the past few years and gave best wishes to the two members that will be departing from the board. At the County level, they will be approving the budget for 2009 at the next meeting and it will be 2 million dollars less than last year. Jackson County is going after the possibility of having a horse park in the county, they have four committees working on this and commissioner Lutchka is representing the commissioners on one of them.

**Minutes:** Moved by Bray to approve the unapproved minutes from the October 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the October 28<sup>th</sup> work session, supported by Zenz. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Monthly Bills:** Monthly bills in the amount of \$ 99,464.79 from the General Fund and \$ 12,926.03 from the Allocated Fire Fund were presented. Moved by Zenz to pay the monthly bills as presented, supported by Bray. Roll Call: Zenz, Bray, Lesinski, Harshbarger, Loveland, Clark, Stormont.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer stated that he had decided to do his own checking on different banks for investment purposes instead of working with the Munifest representatives. Moved by Zenz to accept and file the treasurers report, supported by Lesinski. Carried by voice vote.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce to attend a special session on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Media Center of Grass Lake Middle School regarding the “Economic Development” for the Grass Lake Community. Letter from a Christopher Turner, 7554 Trophy Court, (which is off of Mt. Hope Road in Waterloo Township) regarding speed limit on Mt. Hope Road and also the 4 way intersection which would be Mt. Hope Road and Seymour Road. Supervisor Stormont has forwarded this correspondence to Waterloo Township Supervisor.

**Old Business:** (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park Update; Concord excavating maybe bringing more dirt. They now have 3 quotes for the scoreboards. Also the Copper Nail is offering Fund Raisers to the different local organizations which are non-profit and this

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would mean you would work the designated Saturday and what ever you make on that day, the Copper Nail will match that amount. (b) Local Development Finance Authority-“resolution to establish”; Moved by Lesinski to offer the “Resolution To Establish The Grass Lake Township Local Development Finance Authority and To Designate The Boundaries of Authority District No. 1”, supported by Clark. Voice Vote: 6 Yeas and 1 Nay. Resolution adopted. (c) Land Purchase Offer-Marion Meadows Property; an offer of \$ 75,000 was given to the owners of the property and they came back stating that the bank was requiring \$ 123,000. We need to contact Chelsea State Bank as it is our understanding that they have no stipulation in regard to paying on mortgage and that any offer is between the buyer and seller. (d) Weed Control for Grass Lake-Public Hearing Dates; The first public hearing will be November 25<sup>th</sup> and the second hearing will be December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. They will be held at the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. Signatures have been received from 80% of the land and property owners. Further discussion was held in regard to the special assessment amount for each property owner. (e) 8 Minute Video Project Donation; Moved by Zenz to table until the 2009 budget is set, supported by Lesinski. Discussion-Zenz withdrew his motion and Lesinski withdrew his support. Zenz then moved to not contribute to the 8 minute video project, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (f) Frontier Maintenance Proposal Contract; the maintenance agreement is \$ 576.00 per year and this is for everything inside the building in case of any repair. Clerk authorized to sign agreement. (g) Huhman Property-Ordinance Violation Update; the blight is much better, there is no change in the dilapidated building, there is now a for sale sign on the property, which can be purchased for \$ 55,000. Moved by Zenz that the violation of dilapidated building be removed from the Huhman property, supported by Loveland. Voice Vote; 4 Yeas and 3 Nays (h) Dangerous Building Ordinance/to replace Dilapidated Building Ordinance; Supervisor ask that we look this over and be prepared for discussion at the work session. (i) Fuel Tank (diesel) Storage Proposal; Stormont had responded to Doug Moeckel stating that the Township was not interested as it was not beneficial to our Fire Department. This is to be removed from the agenda.

**New Business:** (a) Proposed Articles of Incorporation-Grass Lake Community Recreation Authority; this is a draft proposal submitted by Tom Nolte and this is an alternative to the multijurisdictional commission. Supervisor ask that we read this over and he will also give us a copy of the multijurisdictional proposal. (b) Broadstripe Phone Service (Township) quote; Trustee Bray states that Broadstripe does not offer the service that they are presently advertising in Michigan. Bray is still doing more research regarding phone service for the Township. (c) Sewer Fees-shut off/on rate letter; Stormont and Loveland are working on a letter regarding establishing a fee for residents that wish to have the sewer shut off or a fee to have it turned back on. Our ordinance does not have a fee for this type of situation. Loveland suggests that the charge be \$ 40.00, but will do more checking on this and have a definite fee to present at our December meeting. (d) 5 year recreation plan meeting; Grant Bauman from Region II Planning Commission is working on our 5 year recreation plan and would like to have a

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meeting here on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The whole board does not need to be present, but we do need to have some of the board as well as the Village and anyone else of the community that is interested. (e) Recognition of Service; we have two board members that will be leaving us after this meeting, Howard Harshbarger and Thomas Zenz, Supervisor thanked them for their many years of service to the community. (f) appoint Thomas Zenz as Alternate to Board of Review; Moved by Stormont to appoint Thomas Zenz as an alternate for the December Board of Review, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote. (g) Assessor Report-Michigan Avenue Ordinance Violation; Assessor DeBoe had prepared a report showing that 263 parcels have been completed out of a total of 3,127 parcels. The 14 point mini review was done in approximately 45 minutes today. The ordinance violation on East Michigan Avenue was then discussed and a motion was made by Zenz that when she is assessing and finds any thing that is in violation of the ordinances, that a copy should be given to all of the Township Board members as well as the Zoning Administrator, supported by Harshbarger. Motion carried by voice vote. We then went back to the “non-profit gaming license” for the Summer Youth League. Lesinski moved that we recognize the Grass Lake Summer Youth League as a “non-profit” organization, supported by Zenz. Board ask that a copy of their 501C and by-laws be given to the Township Board for their files. Voice vote, yeas all.

**Fire Department:** Chief’s report states that we had 23 residential rescues, 1 vehicle/PI incidents, 5 unknown accidents, 1 vehicle fire, 1 smoke investigation, 1 CO alarm, 2 automatic mutual aid given to Napoleon Township and 1 mutual aid received for the month of October. **Old Business:** (a) Vehicle Replacement Plan – Chief has a few more figures to put in and should be ready when working on budget. (b) Broadstripe-cable/internet service update; Rick Clark states that he should have the permits from Consumers by the end of this week and they will then prepare to get the cable installed.

**Public Comment:** Commissioner Lutchka stated that since we are having the National Boat Races here in 2009, why not see to getting a sign put up out on I-94 stating the event.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn the meeting, supported by Zenz. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor  
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk