

**APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2009**

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Bray, Lesinski, Adams, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont present. Also present: Fire Chief Greg Jones and Assessor DeBoe. Pledge to Flag.

Agenda Additions: Under Fire Department New Business: (a) Stockbridge Fire Authority, Under General New Business (e) Amendment to 2009 Budget and add to (d) Summer Tax Collection Agreement- Napoleon Community Schools. Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Hart. Motion Carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Moved by Lesinski to approve as written the December 9th regular meeting, December 17th work session, December 17th public hearing/special meeting, December 23rd budget hearing and December 23rd special meeting, supported by Bray. Motion Carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 33,606.57 and Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$13,073.26 were presented. Moved by Bray to pay the monthly bills in the amounts presented, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Adams, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Loveland stated that there was nothing new for this month other than interest rates being lower. Moved by Clark to receive and file the treasurers report, supported by Hart. Motion Carried by voice vote.

Correspondence: January 28th Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting at the Grass Lake Sportsman Club with dinner at 6:30 p.m. If anyone wishes to attend need to RSVP to Aaron Lewis at Farmers State Bank by January 16th. Also from the Chamber a presentation on February 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Whistle Stop Park Depot on "Michigan's New Business Tax and Federal Taxes Update". Cost is \$ 5.00 per person payable at the door, but need to RSVP.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park Update – Stormont had prepared a monthly balance sheet and also stated that the Summer Youth Baseball League received from the Saturday sale at Copper Nail - \$ 1800.00. This will also be matched by the grant that has been received from the Weatherwax Foundation. The Baseball League has also put in a bid to the Jackson County Parks Committee for 4 batting cages. (b) Sewer Usage fee-shut off/on letter – Stormont had prepared a "draft" letter regarding the unoccupied premises sewer shut off that he will be presenting to the Leoni Regional Utility Authority at their next meeting. He ask that we look this over and he will report as to the feedback from the Authority. (c) Land Purchase Update – Board agreed to have Supervisor prepare a written offer with response time of 30 days. (d) Weed Assessment District – no further discussion. (e) Grass Lake Community Recreation Authority proposal – We are working with the Multi-Jurisdictional committee which will be reporting to the

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Township Park Board. John Patera and Diane DeBoe will represent the Village of Grass Lake, John Lesinski, Scott Bray from the Township Board along with Supervisor Stormont and Douglas Moeckel from Grass Lake Community Schools. Mr. Moeckel is also looking for 2 more people to serve on the committee. **(f)** 5 year Recreation Plan update – They will be meeting with Grant Bauman from Region II on January 14th as he has the plan almost finished and the next step will be to hold the public hearing. **(g)** Dangerous Building Ordinance – Stormont today received information regarding the publication, which is that we can put it on the website, have copies available at the Township office and also an article in the newspaper stated that we have adopted the ordinance and where it is available.

New Business: **(a)** Appointment of Planning Commission Members – Moved by Stormont to appoint Tina Bednarski-Lynch and David Dorr for a 2 year term and John Lesinski to represent the Township Board for the term of his office, which is 4 years to the Planning Commission, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote. **(b)** Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Members – Moved by Stormont to appoint Fred Myall for a 2 year term and Danny Hart to represent the Township Board for the term of his office, which is 4 years to the Zoning Board of Appeals, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. **(c)** Appointment of Election Commission – Moved by Loveland to appoint Clark, Bray and Lesinski to the Election Commission for the terms of their office, which is 4 years, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote. **(d)** Appointment of Construction Board – Moved by Stormont to reappoint Dick Clark, Chris Payne, and Bruce Pindzia for a 2 year term on the Construction Board, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. **(d)** Summer Tax Collection Agreements with Grass Lake Community Schools, Napoleon Community Schools and Jackson County Intermediate School District – Clerk had checked over all of the agreements and there was no change from the 2008 agreements. Moved by Clark to enter into the agreements with the Grass Lake, Napoleon and Jackson County Intermediate School District for 2009 summer tax collection at a cost of \$ 1.60 per parcel to each district, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. **(e)** Budget Amendment – Moved by Clark to amend the 2009 budget, Supervisor 101-171.000-702.000 Salaries and Wages from \$ 21,116 to \$ 23,035 and 101-171.000-862 Social Security Matching from \$ 1,616.00 to \$ 1,763.00, making the total bottom line in the Supervisor activity at \$ \$ 27,048.00, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessor's Monthly Report – DeBoe monthly report was reviewed and filed.

Fire Department: Fire Chief states that we had 22 residential rescues, 2 vehicle/PI incidents, 8 unknown incidents, 2 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 1 fire alarm, 2 arching wires (outside), 3 automatic aid given to Columbia Township, 2 automatic aid given to Napoleon Township and 1 regular mutual aid. We received 1 automatic mutual aid and 2 mutual aid for the month of December 2008. **New Business:** **(a)** Stockbridge Fire Authority – Chief then discussed the problems that the department is having with the authority. The agreement with the Stockbridge Authority expired on December 31, 2008

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and to this date we have not received the agreement for 2009. After discussion a motion was made by Adams that it is the desire of this board to not renew the agreement, supported by Lesinski. Further discussion – Adams then with drew his motion and Lesinski with drew his support. Adams then made the motion to write a letter to Waterloo Township stating that our agreement has expired and it is our desire to not issue this service to Waterloo Township, that they use their own jurisdictional authority, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board Information: Clerk has made arrangements to meet with the Polack Corporation on January 20th for a demo copier and has quotes from the Capitol Communications Systems. Also, is waiting for a call back from the Alphacopy Systems.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn supported by Hart. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk