

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, December 9th, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Lesinski, Adams, Hart present. Also present: County Commissioner Lutchka, Citizen Patriot Reporter Shannon Maynard, Assessor DeBoe and 2 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: under New Business (h) Budget approval meeting and adoption, (i) Poverty Hardship/Guidelines. Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment: Commissioner Lutchka stated that the County has adopted their budget which is \$ 44 million. The County is heavily pursuing to locate the horse park in Jackson County and have support from two Ohio based angus associations.

Minutes: Loveland made the following corrections: The regular November 11th meeting under Old Business (f) to add “telephone” to the Frontier Maintenance proposal and under (g) Huhman property, a period after “for sale sign on the property” and remove “which can be purchased for \$ 55,000”. Loveland also had questions on the “Aquatic Weed Control” public hearing. Asking what it meant “have received more than 50% in signatures and land which was stated in the third paragraph of the minutes. After board discussion, it was the decision of the board to change the wording to “we have received signatures from more than 50% of parcel owners and more than 50% of the parcel land areas of the special assessment district.” Moved by Bray to approve the November regular meeting with stated corrections, November 25th work session and November 25th public hearing with indicated corrections, supported by Adams. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: In the amount of \$ 43,345.10 from the General Fund and \$ 31,338.56 from the Allocated Fire Fund were presented. Questions were asked over extra expense for the hiring of the hy-dro-ho for the Feeman fire and also the Fire Chief’s cell phone charges on the Allocated Fire Fund bills. Moved by Hart to pay the monthly bills as presented, supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas; Hart, Bray, Lesinski, Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Adams. Moved by Clark to pay invoices that are received after the monthly meeting that are for 2008 budget before fiscal year end, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurers Report: Loveland explained his report in detail for the benefit of the new Trustees on the board. Clark moved to receive and accept the treasurers report.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park Update – Stormont stated that we have \$ 17,291.54 in the account which is designated for score boards, bleachers and bathrooms. A \$ 500.00 donation has been received for the Sports and Trails Park which will go towards Lester Bros. billing. They are presently looking at score boards. (b) Sewer Usage Fee, shut off/on- the only saving would be for treatment and operation fee.

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(c) Land purchase update – have not heard anything back from the property owner. (d) Weed control update – Stormont stated that we have received signatures to qualify to move ahead to the next step which was to adopt a resolution to create the special assessment district for aquatic weed control. After further discussion, Lesinski moved to table the resolution until after our December 17th public hearing, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote. (e) Grass Lake Community Recreation Authority proposal – several board members had met with Grant Bauman of Region II Planning Commission, who is working on the renewal of the 5 year recreation plan. His recommendation was to stay with PA 156 multi jurisdictional as this is an advisory board made up of persons from the Township, Village and School. He would not recommend a recreation authority. (f) 5 year recreation plan update – After meeting with Grant Bauman, a decision was made to send out a survey in “The Times”. The survey report will be added to the updating of the 5 year recreation plan. The recreation plan is about 75% done and a public hearing will be held at a later date. (g) Dangerous Building Ordinance to replace Dilapidated Building Ordinance - Stormont moved that we obsolete the present “Dilapidated Building Ordinance” and supercede it with the “Dangerous Building Ordinance”, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business: (a) Board of Review appointment – Moved by Stormont to appoint Garry Gitcho to the Board of Review for a 2 year term, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Appointment of Deputy Clerk – Moved by Clark to appoint Catherine Zenz as Deputy Clerk as per her term of office, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (c) Appointment of Deputy Treasurer – Moved by Loveland to appoint Judy Paryzch as Deputy Treasurer as per his term of office, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) Approval of hourly wage for Deputy Clerk and Treasurer – Moved by Loveland to pay the Deputy Clerk \$ 17.29 per hour and the Deputy Treasurer \$ 11.55 per hour as it currently stands in the 2008 budget, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (e) Ganton rezoning on East Michigan Avenue – Moved by Stormont to approve the rezoning request from R-1 single family residential to General Commercial, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried by voice vote. (f) Date, Time of monthly meetings for 2009 – Moved by Adams to hold the regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (g) Holiday closing dates for 2009 – Moved by Adams to approve the Holiday closing dates as presented, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (g) Budget Hearing – Adoption: Board work session to be held at 8:30 a.m. on December 23rd with budget hearing to follow at 10:00 a.m. with a special meeting to follow for the adoption of the 2009 fiscal year budget. (i) Resolution and guidelines for Poverty Hardship – Moved by Clark to table the resolution and guidelines for poverty/hardship to the December 23rd special meeting, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessors Report: DeBoe stated that the State Tax Commission has increased the amount of hours for re-certification from 6 to 12. She has the residential sales study done and is now working on the agricultural studies. She would like to have approval for a

gentleman who works for BS&A to come to the office for a day at a cost of \$ 900.00 to update her and her assistant on the assessing program, which will be a great help with the ECF and land tables. She would like to go out with the Building Inspector for all final inspections. Moved by Lesinski that our Assessor go with the Building Inspector for all inspections, supported by Hart. After discussion, Lesinski withdrew his motion and Hart withdrew his support. Lesinski then moved that our Assessor go with the Building Inspector with prior notification on all final building inspections, supported by Hart. Voice vote: 5 Yeas and 2 Nays Assessor DeBoe also asked that we take a look at the Culbert property on Norvell Road and also to not let the High property on East Michigan Avenue go by the wayside.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief's report shows that they had 14 residential rescues, 2 vehicle/PI incidents, 8 unknown accidents, 1 structure fire, 1 fire alarm, 1 grass fire for the month of November. **Internet update:** Clerk stated that the installer for Broadstripe had met with Fire Chief Jones and everything should be up and going within the next week. **New Business:** An application has been received from Brian Feinman of 178 Ridgeview Court and Chief Jones has recommended his appointment to the volunteer fire department. Moved by Clark to approve the appointment of Brian Feinman to the volunteer fire department, supported by Adams. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment: Chris Payne who has the contract for snowplowing at the Township Hall and Fire station for 2008 asked to discuss the snowplowing issues and liability. Supervisor will contact our Insurance Agent to further understand who is liable. He has also given us a quote for 2009. The board discussed the contract and the decision was made by the board that the parking lots be plowed and salted on a regular basis. Moved by Hart that we award Chris Payne the contract for snowplowing, salting and hand shoveling at the Township Hall and Fire Station, supported by Adams. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk