

APPROVED PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2012

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Also present: Gary Gizinski and John Basso of American Tooling Center, Inc.

The purpose of this hearing was to discuss the application of American Tooling Center, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. John Basso, owner of American Tooling Center spoke in regard to the operations at the center.

Board members discussed the criteria, stating the amount of points that determine the amount of years to be granted for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

No further discussion or questions were asked. Motion by Adams, Jr. to close the hearing, supported by Hart. Hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Also present: Hearing Officer Gitcho, Assessor DeBoe, County Commissioner David Lutchka, Fire Chief Greg Jones, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Zenz, Jim Howe, Joan Lutachka. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Addition: Under new business (f) Grass Lake Chamber of Commerce Event

Agenda Approval: Motion by Lesinski to approve the agenda with addition, supported by Bray. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Public Comment: Commissioner Lutchka states that the study for demolition of the River Walk Hotel is now finished. Due to asbestos being everywhere, the cost would be \$ 600,000. The commissioners are now going to reevaluate the issue. They have started on the 2013 budget. March 10th is the beer fest at the Jackson County Fairgrounds from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. There are to be 146 different kinds of beer. The profit from this is used for fair premiums. The roof on the grandstand is presently being repaired.

Minutes: Motion by Hart to approve the January regular meeting minutes, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

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Monthly Bills: Motion by Bray to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 56,763.67 and from the Allocated Fire Fund \$ 6,450.94, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Adams, Jr., Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Nay; Hart

Treasurers Report: Direct deposit of payroll checks was implemented on this pay period, all deposits should be in your checking or saving account by 9:00 a.m. on Feb. 15th. Winter property tax bills were due today February 14th, without penalty. A 4% late fee will be added to winter 2011 property tax bills and a 9% late fee will be added to Summer 2011 property tax bills collected February 15th through February 29th. Motion by Hart to accept and file the treasurers report, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing Office Report: Gitcho had received a complaint regarding a property on Island Drive. He has taken pictures but nothing to be done at this time. Also revisited the property at 3476 Pleasant Drive and updated the pictures as well as Cedar Knoll Drive finding that every piece of metal has been striped from the building. Visited two other properties that he had received verbal requests.

Assessor Report: Assessor report was accepted as printed. Stormont added that the Board of Review would be meeting on March 12 and 14 and may schedule more dates if necessary.

Planning Commission Report: March 8th will be their next meeting, working on amendments to the Master Use Plan. A joint meeting/public hearing is to be held on March 13th before our regular meeting for approving changes to the Master Use Plan, mainly regarding Land Preservation.

Correspondence: Stormont has received a complaint regarding the Wolf Lake 10' easements. After doing some research and talking with the road commission, it was stated that a "No Parking" sign should be placed on the 10' easements. Sand Hill Estates complaint that Lester Bros. were doing mining on the property off of Bohne Road. Stormont asked Zoning Administrator Nolte to write a letter to Lester Bros. that in an R-2 district mining is not allowed. A letter was sent on February 13th.

Old Business: (a) Whistlestop Park – next meeting will be February 20th. (b) Soccer Usage Agreements – Motion by Hart to approve the agreements, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote. (c) Cedar Knoll/3476 Pleasant Drive Property – Cedar Knoll property is still in bankruptcy, Gitcho is working on form for demolition of 3476 Pleasant Drive property. (d) Bids for selling lawn equipment – a list has been prepared of what we have, Supervisor ask that we look this over and decide what and if there is some of the items that we should keep. (e) Bids for seal coating parking lot, parking lot drainage issue – Supervisor has not prepared specs or gone out for bids. (f) New signs for recycling area – Clerk had checked with Modern Waste Systems and had received a copy of what they have in front of their bins in Napoleon.

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The main comment that they made was that if we put up any sign it should say “go check the back of the bin to see if they are full”. Clerk will check to see if they would paint on the side of the bins what is to go in each bin. (g) Phone Usage Plan – Trustee Bray has checked with Frontier and he states that we are just out of luck. What we are paying now is what we have to pay.

New Business: (a) American Tooling Center, IFT application – Motion by Adams, Jr. to approve the resolution/application from American Tooling Center, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for 12 years, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Bids for new heating unit at Township offices – Supervisor has not received any formal bids. (c) Bids for new front door (north entrance) – a bid had been received, but due to being over \$ 2500 a second bid is needed. After discussion, a motion by Adams, Jr. to reject the bid and write up a proposal setting a date to receive the bids, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) Township Dashboard on line report – Supervisor has made up a spread sheet showing our expenditures and revenues for each month. Board members look it over and do further discussion at work session. (e) NSF fee charge – Our present fee is \$ 20.00. We have now received an increase from the bank for NSF checks. Treasurer Loveland recommends that we increase our fee from \$ 20.00 to \$ 25.00 to cover our costs. Motion by Loveland to increase our NSF fee charge from \$ 20.00 to \$ 25.00 to be effective immediately, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (f) Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo March 24th and 25th – for the daily drawing would purchase a gift basket from Cherry Republic.

Fire Department Report: Chief Jones states that we had 6 residential rescues, 1 unknown accident, 1 vehicle fire, 1 fuel/gas leak, 1 open burning fire for the month of January. He also states that for 2011 we had a total of 276 fire and medical calls.

New Business: David Sherwood application to join the Fire Department Cadet Program – Moved by Loveland to put David Sherwood on the Fire Department Cadet Program, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. **Millage Renewal Language** - Clerk had prepared a copy of the proposal that was voted on previously, but would like to send it on to our Attorney to make sure there are no changes that need to be made. Motion by Loveland to send the millage proposal to our Attorney for proper verbage, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., supported by Bray.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk