

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2012

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the Township Hall. Board Members Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Also present: Hearing Officer Gitcho, Assessor, Diane DeBoe, County Commissioner David Lutchka, Jackson Citizen Patriot Reporter Shannon Maynard and 2 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda: Motion by Lesinski to approve the agenda as printed, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment: County Commissioner Lutchka states that there is enough money to tear down the RiverWalk Hotel, Sheriff department report for 2011 stated that they had 10,800 inmates, feed 394 meals daily and received \$ 700,000 for boarding prisoners of which most of this was received from Wayne County. In the jail they had 1,236 doctor calls, 14,000 nursing calls and 1,776 mental health calls. The amount of fights were 45. The radio tower at Clark Lake is finished and in the spring they will be putting one up in Henrietta Township near the road commission yard at Pleasant Lake.

Minutes: Correction by Loveland on the Budget Hearing; 2nd paragraph, 3rd sentence – Change the sentence to say “There were no wage rate increases”. Motion by Hart to approve the Budget Hearing minutes with correction and approve the regular meeting minutes as printed, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Bray to pay from the General Fund \$ 29,987.59 and from the Allocated Fire Fund \$ 9,941.85, supported by Hart. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Hart, Adams, Jr., Loveland, Clark, Lesinski, Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Motion by Clark to receive and file the treasurer report as presented, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing Officer Report: Gitcho states he is working on the demolition criteria as well as checking on other dangerous buildings.

Assessors Report: DeBoe states that 5 of the staff from CSZ Appraisal will be here on Saturday, January 28th for record card review only. She had prepared a notice that needs to be published and put on the Township Web-Site.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski states that they will be meeting on Thursday, January 12th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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Correspondence: Newsletter from Attorney Fahey, Employee Rights from MTA, Jackson County Soil Conservation District Annual meeting/banquet at Gene Davis Banquet Hall on January 24th, Board of Review Training Seminar in Ann Arbor on February 28th.

Old Business: (a) Whistlestop Park – no meeting, (b) Soccer Usage Agreement- Bray will prepare updates and have them ready for work session, (c) Cedar Knoll and Pleasant Drive property updates – paperwork has been filed with the register of deeds for the Cedar Knoll property so that if someone purchases the property we will not have to go thru all of the hearings as we have previously done. We can go ahead on the demolition of the Pleasant Lake property. (d) Attorney fee update on Christian Walker – we still had to pay the \$ 458.50 in court cost fees. (e) Sports and Trails update – two new backstops are almost finished on the two latest developed softball fields and the Little League paid for them and are now getting bids on outfield fencing. (f) Signs for recycle area – Clerk still working with secretary from Modern Waste System.

New Business: (a) Phone Usage Plan – Bray had talked with the phone company, but didn't get any where with them. (b) Bids for Seal coating Parking lots, Twp. and Fire Station- Supervisor to get with Bray to get request for bids on the web-site. (c) 2011 Division 6 Region 3 District Grass Lake Football Champs, resolution – Village Mayor, Rod Walz has asked that the Township join with the Village for a "Resolution of Recognition" for the 2011 Grass Lake Football team. Motion by Stormont to join in the passing of this resolution, supported by Hart. Motion Carried by voice vote. (d) Bids for selling lawn equipment – due to no longer using the equipment that we have for lawn care, it was suggested that we put the items up for sale. Decision was to take an inventory of what all we have and then get an appraisal from Dakin's Yard-n-Garden and Napoleon Lawn and Leisure. (e) Intermediate School District Summer Tax Collection Agreement- Motion by Clark to approve the agreement with ISD for Summer Tax Collection, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Jones states that we had 15 medical calls, 1 vehicle accident, 3 structure fires, 1 C.O. alarm, 2 automatic aid given to Columbia Township, 3 automatic aid given to Napoleon Township for a total of 25 calls for the month of December.

Zoning Administrator Report: Stormont read the report that had been prepared by Zoning Administrator Nolte.

Public Comment: Citizen present stated that they understand that Grass Lake Charter Township has what is called "Home Occupation" in their zoning ordinance. However, there is a resident on Grass Lake Road that is possibly doing a commercial type business. Citizen wondered as to whom they should contact to follow up the complaint. Supervisor will follow up on the complaint.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., supported by Adams, Jr.

James Stormont, Supervisor Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk