

APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2017

Board Members Present: Stormont, Lester, Loveland, Bray and Lesinski. Absent Zenz & Brennan

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe and Deputy Clerk Harris

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Stormont at 8:10 am. Brennan arrived at 8:45 am.

Jackson County Planning Commission: Proposed text amendment regarding open-air businesses and the retail sale of fire wood. This will be discussed further at next Township Board meeting.

Site Plan Review Workshop: Grass Lake Township is coordinating a site plan review workshop on Wednesday March 8th at Napoleon Township Hall from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. The cost is \$85 per person. The purpose of the workshop is for local officials to learn the basics of site plan review.

Assessing Field Work Staff: A job description for an assessing field work assistant was presented. It was decided to run an ad in the Grass Lake Times newspaper.

Sewer Project Staff: A saw grant has been awarded to the township for the work on sewer projects, but most of that will be paid to OHM for their work. It was suggested that the pay rate for the work of the sewer project be revisited. Loveland believes there is enough money in the budget to raise the hourly rate to \$17.00.

Fire Millage Information: The correspondence to attorney Fahey was presented. The millage can go as high as 1.5 mils, currently it is at 1.2294 mils. Attorney Fahey will be able to have the proposal language ready in time for the February 7th deadline for the May election. There was concern about the millage being turned down. There was much discussion whether to include the proposal on the May ballot or have a separate election in August.

Bray informed the board that it was discussed at the Village Council meeting to raise the township rates for lawn mowing and snow plowing.

Brennan was approached at the ZBA meeting and asked why the township doesn't put the full set minutes from the board meetings in the newspaper.

Trailer Repair: Danny Hart will repair the township trailer for \$600 which includes fenders, tires, paint and labor.

Lesinski made motion to adjourn work session at 9:10 am, supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Harris