

## **APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**Regular** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Hart, Loveland, Clark Stormont, Lesinski, Brennan. Absent: Adams Jr., Also present: County Commissioner David Lutchka, Jackson Citizen Patriot Reporter Shannon Maynard, Grass Lake Summer Youth League members Maureen Peterson, Tony Vigo and Matt Horodeczny, Lacey O'Quinn, Fire Chief Greg Jones. 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 David Lutchka stated that the RiverWalk Hotel is almost completely torn down. A \$ 300,000 grant was received for the Park Fund which will be used to connect the inner city trail to the falling waters trail. They are presently working on entertainment for the 2013 Jackson County Fair. Commissioners are working on elected officials salaries and will be drawing up policies.

**Minutes:** Motion by Hart to approve the December Budget Hearing, Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes as presented, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Monthly Bills:** Motion by Lesinski to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 30,801.92 and the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 8,768.48, supported by Loveland. Roll Call: Yeas; Lesinski, Loveland, Hart, Brennan, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr.

**Treasurers Report:** Loveland states that his report reflects the accounts that have been set up with County National Bank and he has received a notice stating where all the money is located and that it is all insured. A total of seven accounts were set up. Interest rate still only 0.15 %. Motion by Clark to accept and file the Treasurers report, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Correspondence:** Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding the 2013 Spring Expo at the Grass Lake High School on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Public Officials Conference at Baker College on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 from 8:00 am to Noon. Jackson County Conservation District's Annual Meeting Banquet on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Gene Davis Banquet Center from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

**Old Business:** (a) Planning Commission appointment – Motion by Stormont to appoint Lacey O'Quinn to a 3 year term on the Planning Commission, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Whistlestop Park – no meeting. (c) Kalmbach Culvert – Culvert has not been installed at this date, Stormont has tried to contact the Jackson County Road Commission with status. (d) Sewer Rate Increase Update – The rate increase was originally to start in January of 2013, but due to short notice, many Townships were upset, therefore Leoni Township officials decided to postpone the rate increase to April 1, 2013. This rate increase is the treatment portion of the sewer bill and is used for the debt payment and replacement parts. The increase is \$ 8.63 per REU per month. Motion by Loveland that the sewer usage rate will increase by \$ 8.63 per

month per residential equivalent unit effective April 1, 2013, supported by Stormont. Motion carried by voice vote. (e) Grass Lake Summer Youth League – Matt Horodeczny was the spokesman for the group and stated that their concern was that the grass would not come up and the field would not be ready for usage in the spring. They are also concerned about a couple of low spots on the field. After a lot of discussion, the group that was there would make contact with other board members and take a vote on making the payment to the Township and if agreeable we would receive a check immediately. (f) Assembly of God Attorney fee update - Stormont has received communication from our Attorney stating that they (Assembly of God) will be paying all of our Attorney fees regarding the MTT case. (g) Lawn Care Bids – Motion by Hart to award the lawn service for 2013 and 2014 to Jackson Maintenance Solutions, supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas; Hart, Brennan, Stormont. Nays; Lesinski, Clark, Loveland Motion failed due to a tie vote.

**New Business:** (a) Inspectors Rate Increase – Motion by Clark to increase the Inspection fees for the Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors from \$ 50.00 per inspection to \$ 55.00 and adjust the Fee Schedules for all Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical permits to \$ 55.00 per inspection, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Recreation Board Meeting Schedule – Supervisor has set the date of January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for the first meeting of the recreation board. He will advise all members.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief states we had 18 residential rescues, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 unknown incident, 1 automatic aid given to Columbia Township and 1 mutual aid given for a total of 23 calls for December. Due to the fact that the Chief now wants 3 captains and no lieutenants for the officers of the department, we will have to make amendments to the Administrative Policies before this can occur.

**Old Business:** Fire Station Service Door Bid – A bid has been received from Panner Door Company out of Dexter, Michigan which consists of 5 commercial doors (fiberglass wrapped and aluminum frame) for a total cost installed of \$ 16,356.75. Due to the Township policy being that at least 2 bids are required for anything over \$ 2,500.00, Supervisor will get another bid.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lesinski to adjourn at 8:51 pm, supported by Hart.

James Stormont, Supervisor  
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk