

## APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Regular** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Adams, Jr., Hart, Brennan, Lesinski present. Also present, County Commissioner David Lutchka, Zoning Administrator Douglas Lammers, Jackson Citizen Patriot reporter Shannon Maynard. Pledge to Flag recited.

**Agenda:** Motion by Lesinski to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Commissioner Lutchka stated that Veola would no longer be running the incinerator. The County is having to make budget cuts in their 2014 budget, possibly reducing the amount of patrol persons in the sheriff department and no longer having the animal patrol officers.

**Minutes:** Motion by Hart to approve the May regular, special and work session as presented, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Monthly Bills:** Motion by Lesinski to pay the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 16,478.46 and the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 42,723.30, supported by Clark. Roll Call: Yeas; Lesinski, Clark, Brennan, Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Stormont

**Treasurers Report:** Loveland states that he has his 2013 data base set up and will be ready to print summer tax bills in a couple weeks. Motion by Hart to accept and file the treasurers report, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Assessor Report:** Sue German, assessor assistant is doing field work (20% that needs to be done each year) and Assessor DeBoe is doing the day to day work.

**Planning Commission Report:** Lesinski states that they are working on a chicken ordinance, master plan updates and set backs regarding accessory buildings.

**Recreation Board Report:** Stormont states they are trying to do the tasks that the board had listed at original meeting. Hart also mentioned that he feels we should replace some of the boards on the bleachers here at the Township ball fields.

**Correspondence:** Supervisor received a hand out in regard to funding road repair. Supervisor has received 3 different letters of companies wanting to purchase the cell tower lease.

**Old Business:** (a) Whistlestop Park – no meeting was held since our last board meeting. (b) Mortimer Property Purchase status – Our offer was turned down as they still want \$ 81,000. (c) Bid request to paint exterior of Township Building – Supervisor has prepared a request for proposal in which he would like to have everyone look over and if okay, will prepare for bids for painting the exterior of Township building. (d) Grants submitted – Par Plan for Security Cameras at the Community Park, grant amount is \$ 5,000. Consumers Energy Trees grant was

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for \$ 10,000 which would require 200 volunteers. This grant was awarded to Partnership Park in Jackson. Wellness Foundation for play ground equipment has been sent in, have heard nothing back at this time. (e) Sports & Trails fence bids – Supervisor has not done anything more on this. It has been suggested to have a 6 foot fence instead of a 4 foot.

**New Business:** (a) Building permit fee, work started without permit – Zoning Administrator will check as to whether we can legally charge a double fee. Issue tabled to the work session. (b) Tennis Court repair bid – A quote has been received from Pro Surface for \$ 3,937.50. Trustee Brennan wishes to do further checking on repair of the Tennis Courts and table to the work session. (c) Foreclosure property – Jackson County Treasurer had notified us that there was 3 properties up for foreclosure and that the Township would have the First Right of Refusal. Motion by Loveland that we exercise our notification to Jackson County that we refuse the rights on all three properties, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) Repairing Knight Road – Supervisor has been notified that the Jackson County Department of Transportation has matching funds to repair a portion of Knight Road. (e) Contribution to “Jamin” event – Motion by Adams, Jr. that we do not support the event, supported by Hart. Motion by voice vote was Yeas; 5 and Nays 2 Motion passed. (f) Letter from Village of Grass Lake for the increase in price for grinder pump kits – Motion by Loveland to increase our grinder pump kit cost from the current \$ 2,500 to \$ 2,800, supported by Brennan. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief’s printed report was accepted

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lesinski to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., supported by Hart.

James Stormont, Supervisor  
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk