

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 10, 2011**

**Regular** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Hart, Lesinski, Bray present. Absent: Adams, Jr. Also present, Shannon Maynard from the Jackson Citizen Patriot, County Commissioner Lutchka, Fire Chief Jones, Hearing Officer Gitcho, and 3 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

**Agenda Additions:** under New Business ( c ) Park Rules Signs.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion by Lesinski to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Commissioner Lutchka reports that the County apportionment committee has met and for 2012, we will now have 9 county commissioners instead of 12. County Sheriff Heyns has now retired and has been appointed by Governor Snyder as Director of the Department of Corrections. Steve Rand has now taken the position of County Sheriff. Randy Treacher has been appointed to be the Finance Director at the Department of Corrections. The County budget is on schedule for adoption on June 1<sup>st</sup>. A public hearing will be held in regard to the combining the County Clerk and Register of Deeds position. The present Register of Deeds is retiring and the county wishes to combine the departments. The remodeling of the second floor of the County Tower Building should be ready by June 1<sup>st</sup> for the moving of the Register of Deeds, Equalization Department, Treasurer offices and Clerk vital records.

**Minutes:** Motion by Hart to approve the April 12 regular meeting minutes and April 20 special meeting minutes as presented, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Monthly Bills:** Motion by Lesinski to pay the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 9,702.97, General Fund in the amount of \$ 33,618.55 and Aquatic Weed District \$ 2,020.00, supported by Hart. Roll Call: Yeas; Lesinski, Hart, Loveland, Bray, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr.

**Treasurers Report:** Loveland states that he made the transfer of \$ 142,400 from the Allocated Fire Fund Savings Account to the Allocated Fire and Vehicle account per our 2011 budget in anticipation of the new fire vehicle arriving within the next month. The first of May the principal payment of \$ 35,000 was made on the Fire Station, leaving a balance of \$ 265,000. The Assessor has transferred the 2011 tax roll to the Treasurers date base. Motion by Lesinski to accept and file the treasurers report as presented, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Assessor Report:** Due to the absence of the Assessor, Supervisor Stormont read the report.

**Old Business:** (a) Norvell Road Sewer Extension- Motion by Clark to approve Ripstra & Scheppelman quote for drafting, engineering and surveying to prepare plans for a pressure

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sewer extension along Norvell Road, approximately 550 feet south of Sherwood Funeral Home not to exceed \$ 1,680.00, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Whistlestop Park – Liaison Hart states they will be meeting next week. (c) Bids for Depot, painting interior and floor refinishing – Stormont said he had gotten 2 bids for doing the floors and 1 for doing the painting. After discussion, it was the decision of the board to advertise in the local paper and/or put it on the Township Web Site. (d) Policy and Procedure Review – Stormont passed out chapter 4 draft for review. (e) Park Ordinance Revisions – Table to June meeting, Bray has a couple revisions. (f) Cell Tower – Remove from agenda as Stormont cannot find the letter from the other company that was interested in purchasing the lease. (g) Workmen’s Comp Insurance MTA – Motion by Clark to discontinue the Workmen’s Comp Insurance with the Accident Fund and to approve the agreement to go with the Michigan Township Association Workmen’s Comp Self Insurance Fund, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote. (h) DOC work crew update – It is obvious that we did not get the crew back, no response, closed issue.

**New Business:** (a) Planning Commission Resolution, MI Planning Enabling Act and MI Zoning Enabling Act – Stormont had prepared a draft “Planning Commission with Zoning Authority Ordinance for review and to be prepared to adopt at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. (b) First Right of Refusal – Motion by Hart that we adopt the resolution to decline to exercise the first right of refusal of the two foreclosed properties, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (c) Community Park Rule Signs – Motion by Clark to approve the purchase of 4 signs for the community park at a cost of \$ 50.00 each, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Jones states that we had 15 medical calls, 2 structure fires , 5 open burning, 1 automatic aid given to Napoleon Township and 1 mutual aid given for the month of April. Fire Chief is working with Trustee Bray in getting information about the Fire Department on the Web-site. Chief Jones expect the new fire vehicle to arrive in about a month.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting, supported by Hart. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor  
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk