

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Brennan present. Absent: Adams, Jr. Also present; County Commissioner David Lutchka, Assessor DeBoe and Jackson Citizen Patriot Reporter, Shannon Maynard. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Under New Business (g) Sports and Trails additional grading cost and Concession Stand and Bathroom cleaning cost, (h) Quote for signage at Community Park from Brennan Graphics, and Under Fire Department New Business (a) vinyl graphic numbers invoice for \$ 25.00 from Brennan Graphics.

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

Public Comment: County Commissioner David Lutchka states that the big news at the County is that the falcons have hatched. Having budget problems and perhaps will have to take 2.4 million from the general fund balance. They are looking at eliminating some of the department duties, some cuts in the Sheriff department and perhaps the operating of only 1 elevator in all of the buildings. Some of the budgeting problem is due to health care for retirees and pensions. The Senior program at Henrietta Township will be closing, due to small attendance. Perhaps at the Commissioners June meeting they will have a proposal with Calhoun County for the purpose of sharing a managing director for the road commission, Jackson County Department of Transportation. County Planning Commission appointees was done last month, this is an advisory group with Grant Bauman from Region II being in charge.

Minutes: Motion by Hart to approve the April regular, work session and special meeting minutes, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Loveland to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 52,298.05 and the Allocated Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 26,162.83, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Loveland, Lesinski, Brennan, Hart, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Loveland stated that there needed to be a correction on the first page of his report under the General Fund, County National Bank Investment, it should read as \$ 300,110.87, instead of \$ 300,101.87. He also states that after making the May 1st payment on the New Fire Station, that the balance is now \$ 175,000.00. Motion by Hart to accept and file the Treasurers report as corrected, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessor Report: DeBoe states she is working on a circuit court case. A check has been received for Attorney fees from Assemblies of God MTT case.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski states that they met in April and are planning to meet again in May. Also plan to add a few more meetings than what are presently scheduled because

of the structure of the Commission as there are a couple items that need to be addressed. The Commission has met with David Lutchka and Susan Lackey regarding the Land Conservancy program for Federal funding and have learned that the property has to be zoned agricultural. This may cause them to have to revisit the zoning map. Also, need to work on set backs in the agricultural district.

Recreation Board Report: Stormont had prepared minutes from the April 25th board meeting. Loveland stated that he was also an attendee at the meeting. Modern Waste has delivered extra containers with lids for the trash as it was inconvenient getting the blue barrels dumped. Game-Time gave a presentation in regard to playground equipment at the park and if a grant could be given from the Wellness foundation, game-time will do a 100% match. Supervisor is preparing a grant through our MCM Insurance Company for security cameras at the park. They are allowing up to \$ 5,000 for grants and the application has to be filed by May 31st.

Old Business: (a) Liaison Hart states that the association has paid the balance of \$ 200.00 for the security cameras. The front steps are all crumbling, they want to paint the exterior of the building and there are windows that need to be fixed or replaced. (b) Enterprise Group support plan – remove from the agenda at this time. (c) Marijuana Moratorium resolution expired on May 11th – Motion by Stormont to extend the Marijuana Moratorium resolution for another 6 months, supported by Hart. Roll Call: Yeas; Stormont, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Lesinski, Brennan. Absent: Adams, Jr. (d) Mortimer Property – Stormont has contacted the Real Estate Company stating our offer of \$ 35,000 but has not received any paper work at this time.

New Business: (a) Bids for Whistlestop steps repair – 3 bids had been received. Motion by Hart to accept the bid of Mike Fearer to replace the front steps at the depot, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) IT right for extra memory on server – Motion by Hart to approve IT Right quote of \$ 240.00 for extra memory on the server, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote. (c) Paint Township office exterior – bid needs to be prepared, check what was written late last fall. (d) Security Cameras for Community Park – One of the requirements in writing the grant is that the Township Board pass a resolution of Municipal Commitment of Support. Supervisor does not have it prepared for tonight, but will have it for the May 30th work session/special meeting. (e) PTA penalty – this is an additional revenue that was not figured in at the time of budget. This will be considered as other income. Motion by Loveland that we designate \$ 1,000.00 to revenue account number 101-000-000-671-090 for the 2013 budget, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (f) Sports & Trails fence bid - this is extending the fence from the creek to end of property on Willis Road. Stormont had a quote for 4 foot fence for \$ 8,800 and 6 foot fence for \$ 12,000. Split rail fence would cost half the price of chain link fence. Supervisor to put together specs for bids on 4 foot chain link fence and put it on the Web Site. (g) Additional grading at Sports & Trails park – Motion by Brennan to pay Bill Rayer \$ 600.00 for additional grading, supported by Lesinski. Voice Vote – Yeas; 4 Nays; 2 Absent: Adams, Jr. (g) Bill for cleaning concession stand and bathrooms – Motion by Stormont to approve payment to Chris Upshaw for \$ 350.00, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (h) Brennan Graphics signage for the Community Park – Quote is to make 2 signs 4 feet by 8 feet signs listing the donors who have given \$ 100.00 or more towards the

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development of the park. Motion by Loveland to approve the quote from Brennan Graphics for \$ 1340.00 for 2 signs for the park showing people who have contributed to the park, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice, Yeas; 5, 1 abstain. Absent Adams, Jr.

Fire Department Report: Chief's report was accepted as presented.

New Business: (a) bill for vinyl letters – Motion by Stormont to pay the fire fund bill for 50 white vinyl letters for \$ 25.00, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement: Supervisor Stormont had received a letter which he has copied to all board members in regard to Catherine Burns property on Warrior Trail. She has until June 1st to get the yard cleaned up and if not, will be fined \$ 50.00 per day until it is.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn at 9:03 p.m., supported by Hart.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk