

## APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2011

**Regular** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, County Commissioner Lutchka, News Reporters from Jackson Citizen Patriot and The Sun Times, Hearing Officer Gitcho and two citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** under item © New Business, add Amendment to Ordinance No. 01-04 Building Codes and under New Business Fire Department (a) Application from Jorge Zenz to be a member of the Cadet Program. Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Commissioner Lutchka states that the County Land Preservation Ordinance has been approved by the State. The Commission is reviewing the County Wide Dog Ordinance, The Federal Government has decided that the County Clerk's office should not be selling the passports, therefore, the Commission has decided to have the Treasurers office issue the passports. The Vital records department of the County Clerk's office will be moving to the second floor of the County Tower Building. County wide properties that are subject to foreclosures on March 1<sup>st</sup> are 12% greater than it was a year ago on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Rural Agriculture Day will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson County Fairgrounds.

**Minutes:** Moved by Adams, Jr. to approve the February regular, special and work session meeting minutes as presented, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Monthly Bills:** Moved by Adams, Jr. to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 26,117.86 and the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 10,227.70, supported by Loveland. Roll Call: Yeas; Adams, Jr., Loveland, Hart, Clark, Bray, Lesinski, Stormont.

**Treasurers Report:** Loveland states that in his receipt report that it shows a large amount for property tax collection. He has balanced his tax collection and will be taking it to the County on Friday. There is a possibility that we will receive 3 to 4% more in Revenue Sharing than anticipated. Supervisor Stormont had talked with Representative Shirkey in regard to Revenue Sharing and he has stated that perhaps a 4% bonus would be received on the constitutional tax, providing that we do shared services. A list is being prepared by the State as to what the shared services could be. Moved by Hart to receive and file the treasurers report, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Assessor Report:** DeBoe states that the Assessment Roll was turned over to the Board of Review today. The Board of Review will be meeting on Tuesday, March 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 16, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Around December 2011 each property owner will be notified that we will be having a record card review prior to the March 2012 Board of Review based on the CSZ Reappraisal Company. The property owner

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should verify that everything on the record card is correct, before the figures are put into the data base.

**Old Business:** (a) State of Mi work Crew update- Rep. Shirkey has talked with the Department of Corrections and they have agreed on having a meeting. (b) Whistlestop Park – Hart stated that they met on Monday and they are wanting painting done and the floors done. He also gave the Clerk the Balance Sheet as of Feb. 20, 2011. (c) Lawn Care and Maintenance – Bray has prepared a draft bid package. He had some questions regarding the insurance and bonding and also needed some addresses. He is also going to make maps of each location, highlighting the area. (d) Policy and Procedure Review – Stormont has given us a copy of Chapter II of the MTA manual, again comparing to what we have in our existing policy and procedure to see if we want to make changes. (e) Energy Efficient Light Project – Jill Hirst has notified Stormont that Consumers has approved the matching grant for the updating of the lights, they should be able to get started in approximately 2 to 3 weeks. (f) Medical Marijuana – Stormont had put together a “Draft” regarding Medical Marijuana for the Special Land Use Specific Requirements in the Zoning Ordinance. It is understood that a moratorium could be passed as long as we are actively working on an Ordinance. This draft has also been sent to the Planning Commission Chairperson Pindzia. Motion by Adams, Jr. that we set up a moratorium for medical marijuana, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (g) American Tooling Center – Letters were received in regard to their IFT #2004-322 and IFT #2008-357 as the response that is to be made per the agreement letter when filing for an IFT. (h) Plaque Status update – the Cagney plaque wording has been approved and Stormont needs to get the wording for Willis, Harris and Hirst. By ordering 4 plaques, we will get \$ 50.00 less cost on each plaque. (i) Leoni Sewer Rate Change Proposed – Stormont has been advised that Leoni Township is proposing a monthly sewer rate increase for the treatment plant bond debt of \$ 4.07. However, Leoni has not voted on this as yet.

**New Business:** (a) State of MI Bureau of Elections, Receiving Board Resolution – Moved by Clark to offer the resolution for the authority for the use of a receiving board for all elections held in Grass Lake Charter Township, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Code Amendments to Ordinance No. 01-04; Moved by Clark to approve the amendments to building code Ordinance No. 01-04, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Jones states that we had 13 medical calls, 1 vehicle accident, 2 unknown accidents, 2 fire alarms, 1 open burning, 2 automatic aid given to Columbia Township, 3 automatic aid given to Napoleon Township and 1 mutual aid given for the month of February 2011. **Old Business:** (a) Peterson, return of pager- Fire Chief has now received the pager and charger from Peterson. **New Business:** (a) Intergovernmental Cooperation Resolution – This is a resolution in regard to cooperating with Columbia and Napoleon Township Fire Departments in such things as purchasing, vehicle and equipment

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maintenance, education and training, recruiting. Moved by Stormont to offer the resolution for intergovernmental cooperation with Columbia, Grass Lake and Napoleon Township Fire Departments, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Application from Jorge Zenz to join the Cadet program – Moved by Clark to approve the application of Jorge Zenz to join the Fire Department Cadet Program, to become effective after March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

James Stormont, Supervisor

Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk