

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
June 12, 2012

**Regular** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Stormont Clark, Loveland, Hart, Lesinski present. Absent: Adams, Jr., and Bray. Also present; County Commissioner David Lutchka, Assessor Diane DeBoe, Jackson Citizen Patriot News Reporter Shannon Maynard and 6 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

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

**Public Comment:** Village Mayor Rodney Walz spoke that there were some questions in regard to the sewer and water agreements that were put in place several years ago. He is gathering information and has some data, but will call for a meeting when he has all information gathered. County Commissioner Lutchka reports that the Office on Aging has a survey for persons 50 and over and 18 year olds with disability that you can fill out on line. These surveys will help set a precedence at the state level for services to the aging and disabled. The County will adopt the 2013 budget in July. If they can come up with a matching fund of \$ 12,500 with Columbia Township also giving \$ 12,500, it would be used to stabilize the shoreline of Clark Lake County Park. Entertainment for the County Fair is on schedule, the track is ready for the tractor pull. They have hired an engineer to repair the north east corner of the Grandstand as it has a crack in the concrete.

**Minutes:** Motion by Loveland to approve the May 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and May 22 work session as written, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Monthly Bills:** Loveland stated he had no problem with payment of the bills, however he felt that the full board should have been notified of the burning of the Wollpert barn. Motion by Hart to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 43,368.82 and the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 15,154.83, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Hart, Lesinski, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr. and Bray.

**Treasurers Report:** Loveland states that the extra \$ 15,000 to be applied to the principal on the Fire Station loan, as voted upon in May, has been paid, leaving a balance of \$ 215,000. Today has received the Metro-Act check, which was a little more than budgeted. Motion by Lesinski to accept and file the Treasurers report, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Ordinance Violation:** Supervisor states he has one complaint which is on Warrior Trail, property owner Catherine Burns. He has been in contact with her in regards to the construction material that is laying all over in the yard.

**Assessor Report:** DeBoe has received a FOIA request for a digital copy of all assessment card records. At present we have no set fee for doing this. After discussion, a motion was made by

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Clark to add to our Fee Schedule a .20cent per parcel fee for digital copies of assessment records, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote. This then brought the discussion in regard to the request that the Treasurer receives every year for his tax data base in which he has charged a flat fee of \$ 150.00. Motion was made by Loveland that in regards to the new rates for digital copies, the rate for receiving tax data base would now be .20cents per parcel, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Planning Commission Report:** Trustee Lesinski states that they will be meeting on Thursday, June 14 and the Master Plan updates should be concluded. They are planning on taking the months of July, August and September off. There is still some verbage that needs to be changed in the Ordinance.

**Correspondence:** Supervisor has received a call from Wireless Capital Partners, LLC regarding purchasing the cell tower lease. Letter from Zoning Administrator Nolte regarding Muggs and Bobs selling fireworks. Letter from Broadstripe which is now WOW regarding making changes to static IP address.

**Old Business:** (a) Tenneco IFT Application – table to June 26<sup>th</sup> work session as the controller and Mark Kortz will be able to attend. (b) Whistlestop Park – Hart states that the treasurer report shows that they have \$ 6,814.00 in the checking account and they are working on a new sign to replace the old one. (c) 9230 Cedar Knoll Property – still is in bankruptcy. (d) 3476 Pleasant Drive property – The Attorney has sent a certified letter to the property owner in regard to demolition of the property and if we do not hear back from them, we will get formal bids to do the demolition, (with all costs being added to the property tax bill) the deadline to hear from the property owner is July 3<sup>rd</sup>. (e) Bids for Seal Coating Township and Fire Station Parking Lots – a couple bids had been received, however it needs to be published in the newspaper, put on our website. (f) Bids for Cemetery drive project at Oakwood cemetery – Only one bid was received. Motion by Hart to award the project to LJC Excavating for a total cost of \$ 393.00, supported by Loveland. 4 Yeas, 1 abstain due to conflict of interest. (g) Bids for Lights at Community Park – Motion by Hart to award the installation of 7 pillars for the light poles at a cost of \$ 2,400.00 and the trench for power lines, 43In ft of trench footings and relay blocks for a cost of \$ 1,688.00, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (h) Grant for Barrier Free Door – Clerk has prepared the grant application, but has not heard anything from the State Bureau of Elections at this time.

**New Business:** (a) Sewer REU Usage Billing Changes – Motion by Loveland to reduce the Hatch Stamping REU usage from 4 to 1 and Lester Bros. apartments on Cedar Knoll Drive increase the REU usage from 1 to 3, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Phone Service Bids – IT Right recommends we get with Broadstripe and Frontier before making any decision. (c) Removal of Trees at Township Hall/Grounds – Moved by Stormont to hire Great Lakes Tree Service to remove the dead trees on the west side of the Township Hall property and also remove the dead limbs on the trees in the parking lot and out by the road for a total of \$ 1,100.,

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supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Jones printed report was accepted as presented.

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

James Stormont, Supervisor  
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk