

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Lesinski, Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Hart, Adams, Jr. present. Absent: Bray Also present: County Commissioner Lutchka, Hearing Officer Gitcho, Zoning Administrator Nolte, Shannon Maynard of the Jackson Citizen Patriot, Assessor DeBoe and 1 citizen. Pledge to Flag recited

Agenda: Motion by Lesinski to approve the agenda as printed, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment: Commissioner Lutchka stated that the County had hired a Human Resource Director jointly with the City of Jackson and they are working on several other deals to do jointly with the City so as to save the taxpayers dollars. Things are running quite smoothly at the County level. Jeff Wyers who is running for County Commissioner, 2nd District as a candidate on the Independent party for the November 2, 2010 election was present and wanted to introduce him self.

Minutes: Moved by Hart to approve the September regular meeting minutes as written, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Moved by Hart to pay \$ 34,544.65 from the General Fund, \$ 6,385.01 from the Allocated Fire Fund, \$ 77.67 from the Community Park and \$ 202.00 from Weed Control, supported by Clark. Roll Call: Yeas; Hart, Clark, Adams, Jr., Loveland, Lesinski, Stormont. Absent: Bray

Treasurers Report: Moved by Clark to receive and file the Treasurers report as presented, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessors Report: Assessor report was accepted as presented.

Old Business: (a) DNRE Land Conversion – Supervisor still working with DNRE for the grant and we should know sometime after December 2nd if it was approved. (b) Grass Lake Weed Treatment Update – They did find some milfoil in the lake, but will not treat it again in 2010, but will treat it in 2011 at no charge. (c) Unison Cell Tower Lease Update – they are still interested in leasing the tower, but it is at our discretion. (d) Page Avenue/Sewer Repair Billing Issue – bill has been paid, but still waiting for a response from Attorney Nettleton, in which he stated he would be sending a letter, but we are still waiting for that. (e) Whistlestop Park – Hart stated that they are working on a sign to be put up, the Chamber of Commerce is to have a quarterly report next week, still waiting to get estimates on the floor, the original stove has been moved into the depot, but only for looks. (f) State of MI Public Work Crew Update- Stormont stated that rumor was that we may be getting them back, because the state budget has been approved and it wasn't taken out of the budget so we understand. Stormont has sent more financial data to Senator

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Richardville.(g) Anti-Noise Ordinance Revision – when anyone calls regarding barking dogs , we will have them call 911 Animal Control. (h) Cemetery Fee Increase Proposal – we need to have this tabled to the next work session. (i) Planning Commission Zoning Changes/Updates – Everyone had received a package showing the changes, making changes that were needed to conform to the “Zoning Enabling Act”, as well as typos and some things that were left out when the zoning ordinance was adopted. Zoning Administrator briefly went over some of the corrections. Moved by Lesinski to approve the changes as proposed by the Planning Commission, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business: Discussion in regard to General Fund millage being brought back up to 1.00 mill - Clerk put this on the agenda as she feels the board needs to get thinking about how we will continue to operate as we have due to the fact that we no longer have the Dept. of Public Works crew from the State Prison to do the cemetery work, mowing and all of the other jobs that they do for us. The other option would be to add a 1% administration fee to all of the property taxes, which can be done by a vote of the Township Board. This will be discussed further at a work session.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief report was accepted as written. Board discussed the issue of the two firepersons that had been sent letters due to not responding. Also, noted that some of the cadets are not responding. Need to contact Chief Jones and then send follow up letters.

Public Comment: Monica English of The Sun Times News introduced herself and stated that she would be attending our monthly meetings.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting, supported by Hart. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk