

APPROVED REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2011

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grass Lake Charter Township Hall. Board Members Adams, Jr. Hart, Loveland, Clark, Lesinski, Stormont present. Member Bray absent. Also present: County Commissioner David Lutchka, Fire Chief Greg Jones, Assessor Diane DeBoe, Shannon Maynard reporter from Jackson Citizen Patriot and 3 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: Comm. Lutchka states that the County shares director for the Health Department with Livingston County, but has been notified that they are in violation as they should have full time directors. The Commissioners approved the Sheriff contract with Parma Township for services as well as approving radio towers for the new tower at Clark Lake. The County Equalization report shows that the total taxable value has went down by 4.85%, however, the agricultural value is now addressed equally in the County. Jackson County has a total of 228 tax foreclosures for 2011, of which 3 are in Grass Lake Charter Township.

Minutes: Motion by Hart to approve the minutes of the March regular meeting, work session and Special meeting, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Monthly bills in the amount of \$ 40,311.66 from the General Fund and \$ 10,864.22 from the Allocated Fire Fund. Discussion was held in regard to an invoice from Apollo Fire Equipment due to the fact that there was a charge of \$ 97.50 for waiting to enter the Fire Station and a question why they charge .95 cents per mile for mileage. Motion by Adams, Jr. to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 40,311.66 and the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 10,264.12, and not pay the Apollo Fire Equipment invoice of \$ 600.10 until we receive clarification, supported by Hart. Roll Call: Yeas; Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark, Lesinski, Stormont. Absent: Bray

Treasurers Report: Loveland is looking into the possibility of paying tax collection payments for the County and schools by ACH. He has met with Farmers State Bank and now needs to check with all of the vendors to see if they will accept payments by ACH. Loveland attended a meeting at Columbia Township in regard to accepting credit cards for tax collection payments only at this time. There would be no charge for the Township, but 3% would be added to the person using the credit card for payment. Motion by Clark to accept and receive the Treasurers report, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessors Report: Assessor DeBoe stated that Board of Review went well with a minimal amount of problems. Everything has been turned in to the County Equalization Department and letters have been sent to all that appealed. Grass Lake Township lost 6.7 million in taxable value.

Old Business: (a) Norvell Road Sewer Extension-Motion by Adams, Jr. to accept the proposal from Jack Ripstra for the extension of Norvell Road sewer from Sherwood Funeral Home to P & C Industries for a cost not to exceed \$ 1,680.00, for the 550' and to prepare bids, supported by Loveland. After Discussion – Adams, Jr. withdrew his motion and Loveland withdrew his support. Adams, Jr. then amended his motion to accept the proposal from Jack Ripstra for the extension of Norvell Road sewer from Sherwood Funeral Home to Grass Lake Road, for a cost not to exceed \$ 1,680.00 for the 550' and to prepare bids, upon approval from the Planning Commission of the Site Plan for P & C Industries. There was no support for the motion, therefore the motion failed for the lack of support. This will be tabled to the May meeting after receiving the results of the April 28th Planning Commission meeting. (b) Liaison Hart states that the Board of Directors of the Whistlestop only want the grass mowed and blown off of the sidewalks. Also want bids for painting the interior. (c) Lawn Care and Main-tenance bids – We received 8 bids. A spread sheet had been prepared from all of the bids received for the 3 different groups. After looking them over a motion was made by Adams, Jr. to table the bids for lawn care until the board could sort them out and to contact them to make sure that they know what the scope of work entails, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) Policy and Procedure Review – Supervisor had in the packets, Chapter 3 draft for review. (e) Energy Efficient Light Project – Motion by Clark to have Hirst Electric install the emergency lights in the meeting room and the 3 rooms that were missed at the time of the original quote for a cost of \$ 430.16, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote. (f) Medical Marijuana resolution – Moved by Lesinski to offer the Medical Marijuana resolution and supported by Adams, Jr. Motion passed by voice vote. (g) David Chapman, Workmens Compensation bid – Motion by Clark to table the Workmens Compensation Insurance to the May regular meeting, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote. (h) Plaque Status – Still waiting for information from Hirst and Harris. (i) Park Ordinance Revisions and Posting Park Rules – Supervisor has all the revisions to the ordinance, has sent out 3 different places for bids for the signs but has not received them back at this time.

New Business: (a) Weed Control Deficit Resolution – Budget- Motion by Clark to offer resolution #2011-05, Aquatic Weed Control Deficit Elimination Plan, supported by Loveland. Vote: Yeas; 6 Absent Bray. Motion by Loveland to pay back the General Fund from the Aquatic Weed Control Fund \$ 3,477.00, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Jones states that we had 8 medical calls, 1 vehicle accident, 2 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 1 fire alarm, 2 open burnings 4 mutual aid given for the month of March. Clerk then asked the Chief if we had a written mutual agreement with Manchester Township Fire Department. Chief is going to check with the Manchester chief.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Hart. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk