

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Adams, Jr., Bray, Hart and Lesinski present. Also present: Citizen Patriot reporter Shannon Maynard and County Commissioner Lutchka. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Under New Business (c) Water Testing Fee

Agenda Approval: Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with addition, supported by Hart. Motion approved by voice vote.

Public Comment: County Commissioner Lutchka stated that the fair board is looking for pledges to go towards fair premiums. AT&T has donated \$ 20,000 and Lutchka has challenged the whole commission to lose weight and he will pledge a \$ 1.00 per lb. They will be ready to adopt the 2011 budget in June and it is expected to be 3 to 4 % lower than the 2010 budget. They are considering the addition of a Road Deputy. County wide the property taxable value went down 3.87 %.

Minutes: Motion by Hart to approve the April 13th, regular meeting, April 27th work session and special meeting minutes, supported by Lesinski. Motion approved by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Bray to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 50,609.98, Allocated Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 4,975.74 and Grass Lake Community Park in the amount of \$ 365.89 and set aside the Grass Lake Weed Control bill, supported by Adams, Jr. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Adams, Jr. Hart, Loveland, Clark, Lesinski, Stormont. Motion by Bray to do a “due from” the General Fund to the Weed Control fund for \$ 3,875.00, supported by Lesinski. Motion approved by voice vote. Moved by Bray that we pay the Weed Control District bill in the amount of \$ 17,875.00, supported by Loveland. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Loveland, Lesinski, Adams, Jr., Hart, Clark, Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Nothing new to report other than an additional amount added to a couple of the categories after the report was done. Motion by Clark to accept and file the Treasurers report, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing Officer Report: Gitcho had prepared a summary of activities of the 3488 Kalmbach Road property. He states that Tom Zenz has made a deal with the owner and he will burn the debris.

Assessor Report: The reappraisal project is going quite well, as of May 1st they have done the northern sections 13 thru 24 and section 30.

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Correspondence: Assemblies of God – Fa-Ho-Lo Camp asking that the Fire Department be available to provide emergency services during their summer camping season. Letter from Jackson County Parks and Recreation approving the boat races in July and September of 2010. A letter from Copper Nail regarding putting information on face book. Michigan Township Association sponsoring a seminar on “effective Policy and Procedures” to be held June 14th for a cost of \$ 89.00 per person. A letter from Verizon stating that its local wireline operations will be sold to Frontier Communications.

Old Business: (a) Plan Review Retainer Fee – Moved by Clark to accept the changes for the Building Plan Review for the Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical departments to \$ 50.00 minimum, plus \$ 25.00 an hour after the first hour, supported by Bray. Motion approved by voice vote. (b) Web-Site update – Motion by Bray to sign the contract with “Land Information Access Association” to set up the new Web-Site at a cost of \$ 2,250.00, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (c) American Tooling IFT – Clerk has not received the copies back from the state. (d) 2259 Maute Road-Yard Repair – this was from damage at the time of the fire along the railroad tracks which was set by a passing train. Clerk has sent the State of Michigan public works crew out and it has all been repaired. Ordinance Violation Update – Supervisor had sent out 86 letters which were in regard to Junk Car Vehicles, Blight, and Dangerous Buildings.

New Business: (a) Sewer Repair Policy – due to a maintenance issue and the initial connection fee not being collected by the Township, Supervisor Stormont feels that we are in need of developing a policy. (b) Jackson County Economic Development Strategic Plan – Supervisor had given all board members a copy of the strategic plan that had been adopted by Jackson County Commission and in which they are asking all of the Townships in the county to pass a resolution supporting their plan. Board members are to be prepared to make a decision on this at the May work session. (c) Water testing fee – a bill had been received from the DNRE for Township water testing. Supervisor made some phone calls and found that it was not necessary for the Township to be paying for water testing as it is the Village water lines. Supervisor needs to write a letter to the DNRE advising them that we and the Village are one of the same for the water system.

Fire Department Report: Chief was not present, the written report was accepted as written. A copy of the contract for the purchase of a Pumper/Tanker fire vehicle was prepared for all board members. The total cost not to exceed \$ 429,008.00.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Hart. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk