

APPROVED MINUTES
July 13, 2010

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Board members Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Absent: Adams, Jr. Also present, Fire Chief Jones, Hearing Officer Gitcho and Shannon Maynard from the Citizen Patriot. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Under New Business (d) State of Michigan Public Works Crew, (e) Bid Sheets for Budget Purpose and under Fire Department new business (a) policy regarding payment of classes.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Monthly Bills: Moved by Bray to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 50,182.30, Allocated Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 9,654.49 and the Community Park in the amount of \$ 549.29, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bray to receive and file the report, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing Officer Report: Gitcho states that a letter has been sent to the owners of 61 Highland Drive and he has not done anything more in regard to Cedar Knoll. The question was asked in regard to homeowners and/or businesses that are not keeping their lawns mowed. After much discussion, it was decided that a letter be drafted, stating that we do not have an ordinance in regard to lawn mowing, but in keeping the beautification of our Township we would appreciate them keeping their lawns mowed. Stormont to draft letter and put in all board members mail boxes before anything is sent out.

Assessor Report: Assessor prepared a report showing the Field Work progress as of July 1, 2010, which shows that 62.33 % of the field work is complete.

Old Business: (a) I.T. Right Service Proposal - Trustee Bray moved that we withdraw the motion that was made on May 11, 2010 with "Land Information Access Association" to set up a new Web-Site, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. Trustee Bray then made the motion that we go with I.T. Right for Disaster Recovery Backup, Webhosting, Email Hosting and prorated service contract, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) Web-Site update – taken care of with item (a). (c) LRU field trip report – Stormont, Loveland and Dan Wymer from Napoleon Township met with our Auditor Dan Veldhuizen and an accountant from Grand Rapids, Gaines Township who is familiar with the accounting system for auditing purposes that could be

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used for the Leoni Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. (d) Grant Application, Trails - Letter was received from Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation stating that we did not get selected at this time. However, the grant for \$ 15,000 to do a study of our Township was granted. (e) Whistestop/Chamber Lease Agreement – Liaison Hart stated that the changes that were made from the previous “draft lease” were #2 on terms, to change the date to July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011, #5 –f Tenant agrees to provide quarterly reports in stead of monthly, #12- next to last line in paragraph change from tenant to Landlord. Motion was then made by Hart to accept the Lease Agreement as modified, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (f) Township Sewer Connection Fee Update – Still no information back from Attorney White. (g) Grass Lake Drug Mentoring/Awareness Program – Stormont states they have had a couple meetings and they will be meeting again on Wednesday, July 21 here at the Township Hall.

New Business: (a) Unison Cell Tower Lease Proposal – Unison Site Management, LLC is interested in purchasing our interest in the Verizon Cell Tower. A packet was given to all board members and this will be taken up at the Work Session on July 27th. (b) Purchase of 2 push mowers from Lowes – after discussion it was decided that we needed to have a couple of quotes. (c) Anti-Noise Ordinance revision – under F. of the ordinance, the County Sheriff office stated that we should call 911 and ask for animal control to report the complaint on barking dogs and that we should put this wording in our ordinance. After discussion a motion was made by Bray to table this issue to the work session, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) State of Michigan Public Works Crew - Just to inform the board, Supervisor Rusty from our work crew was to tell us that as of August 1, they were not to issue any contracts or agreements. No detail why this is being done, but want everyone to contact our representatives and let them know our feelings in regard to the work crew and what it means to our Township to have them. (e)Bids Sheets for Budget Purpose – Trustee Hart would like bid sheets available here at the office for any outside services. Stormont has asked Hart to work on these.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief states that we had 11 residential rescues, 3 vehicle PI incidents, 1 structure fire, 1 fire alarm, 6 weather alerts, 1 automatic aid given to Napoleon and 1 automatic aid received for the month of June 2010. Chief has received some new applications, but is not ready to give recommendations at this time.

Old Business: Letters need to be sent to two of the firepersons that are not adhering to the Policies and Procedures of the department. Clerk and Fire Chief will take care of this. Discussion was held in regard to sending a statement to homeowners and/or insurance company when having to call in an excavating company when having a structure fire, as this is an expense that is not budgeted. Boards decision was that we should send the bill for the excavating company when they are needed for structure fires.

New Business: (a) Policy regarding payment of training classes – Trustee Hart suggested that we should have something in place in regard to reimbursement of the cost of training class for new firepersons if they do not finish the class. This has been

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previously discussed and this needs to be put into the policy and procedures manual of the fire department. Stormont asked Chief Jones to get something put in writing and bring back to the board.

Public Comment: Trustee Bray commented on his disappointment of there being no fireworks on the 4th of July.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Hart. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk