

APPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2010

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski present. Absent: Bray. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, County Commissioner Lutchka, Garry Gitcho, Shannon Maynard, Adam Brown and Assessor DeBoe. Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: Adam Brown, representing the Jackson County Strategic Plan spoke in regard to the organizational goals and core values for Jackson County. Their vision is for safe communities, economic development, healthy community, recreational and cultural opportunities, cooperation between governments, education, and improved work environment. They are asking that a "Resolution of Support for County Economic Development Plan" be adopted from all county governmental entities. Commissioner Lutchka reported that the city and county have signed a 2 year agreement with the parks, the county is financially in good shape, they are doing more with less employees. The Jackson County fair attendance was down around 10% from last year, however they still made money and felt they did so due to having a lot of volunteers. They are looking for different ideas for the grandstand. The state is no longer helping with premiums for any exhibits.

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

Monthly Bills: Motion by Lesinski to pay the monthly bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 45,865.88, Allocated Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 6,906.02 and Grass Lake Community Park in the amount of \$ 80.80, supported by Clark. Roll Call: Yeas, Lesinski, Clark, Stormont, Loveland, Hart, Adams, Jr. Absent: Bray

Treasurer Report: Loveland states revenue was low this month and that there is still not much change in interest rates. Motion by Clark to receive and file the treasurers report, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessor Report: DeBoe states that the reappraisal field work continues and that it is about 84.87% complete. She has received many calls from homeowners who were not at home during the process and phone interview are being conducted. She states that many errors are being found and they will all be a part of the 2012 assessment roll when the entire township will be updated for the tax year.

Old Business: (a) Township web site update – Stormont, Bray and Deputy Clerk Zenz attended a web site workshop at BS&A that was put on by I.T. Right. They are helping with updating and

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making our present web site more friendly. (b) Grass Lake Weed Treatment – Steve Hanson has contacted Stormont and states that they found more milfoil and they are going to do another treatment next year at no charge to the Township. (c) Unison Cell Tower Lease proposal – there is no rush as to making a decision. (d) Page avenue/sewer repair billing issue – we still have not received any response from the Attorney as to who is legally responsible for this bill. (e) Whistlestop Park – still waiting to find someone to refinish the floors, caulk and window painting. (f) State of Mi Public Work Crews – Our crew was pulled from us on Sept. 3rd and we presently have no idea if the state will reinstate the crews. We have a couple other sources that we can try to get, which is the Jackson Community Service or perhaps from the prison boot camp. (g) Tennis Court Repairs – the boards are up and we haven't received a bill from Mr. O'Neil for the purchasing of the materials that were used to make the repairs. (h) Field Usage Agreements - Stormont has given the agreements to the different groups and they are to be bringing them to our meeting in October, along with quarterly reports.

New Business: (a) Cemetery Increase Proposal – Clark had prepared a packet with increase proposal and ask that the board look this over so that we can further discuss this at the next work session.

Fire Department: Chief Jones states that they had 11 residential rescues, 2 unknown incidents, 1 structure fire, 2 fire alarms, 1 automatic aid received and 1 mutual aid given for the month of August. **Old Business:** Policy Revision – payment for fire class training- Under Administrative Policies © would like to add the following sentence: “ Failure to complete the State mandated training within the mandated time the applicant will be required to reimburse the Township in full the class fee.” Motion by Hart to approve the additional sentence on page 9 item C to the Fire Department Administrative Policies and the form for the fireperson to sign, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. **New Business:** Fire Person Applications – the applications of John Stafford and Blake Davis have been recommended by the Chief to be added to the fire department. Motion by Adams, Jr. to approve the Fire Chief's recommendation for John Stafford and Blake Davis to hired to the volunteer fire department, supported by Hart. Motion approved by voice vote.

Public Comment: Trustee Lesinski wanted to make all board members aware of the packet from Zoning Administrator Nolte in regard to the Planning Commission Public Hearing with recommendation to the Township Board in regard to the updates to the Zoning Ordinance.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk