

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board members Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski present. Absent: Adams, Jr., and Bray. Also present: County Commissioner David Lutchka, Hearing Officer Garry Gitcho, Fire Chief Greg Jones, Shannon Maynard, Jackson Citizen Patriot News Reporter and Marce Wandell, Jackson County Director for the Department on Aging. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: under Old Business (c) Medical Marijuana Moratorium and (d) Conservacy and Land Preservation

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

Public Comment: Marce Wandell, Director for the Department on Aging for Jackson County passed out the annual report and brochures to all the board members. She then spoke in regard to all of the programs that they have to offer to Senior Citizens. The Senior Millage that was passed in 2004 has allowed the department to expand and increase the level of services that they have to offer. County Commissioner Lutchka states that there are fewer foreclosures this year and the percentage of delinquent taxes are less this year than last. In regard to the Land and Conservacy Preservation, Susan Lackey says that there is 12 million dollars available for the state for 2012. Jackson County will be interviewing for an Equalization Director sometime in October. The Director has to be a level IV.

Minutes: Motion by Loveland to approve the September 13th regular meeting minutes as written, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Hart to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 34,419.25 and the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 5,810.91, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Hart, Lesinski, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr. and Bray.

Treasurers Report: Loveland states that the estimated revenue sharing for 2012 budget has not yet been given by the State. Summer tax collection is now over and the ACH payments are now working smoother. Motion by Hart to accept and file the Treasurers report, supported by Clark. Motion Carried by voice vote.

Hearing Officer Report: Gitcho reported that on August 24th he posted the Resolution and Order on both of the buildings, 9230 Cedar Knoll and 3476 Pleasant Drive. As of this meeting nothing has been heard from either owner of the properties. The 60 days will be up on the 24th of October. All certified mailings to the owner of 3476 Pleasant Drive have been returned and a notice has been received that the owner of 9230 Cedar Knoll has filed bankruptcy.

Assessor Report: In the absence of the Assessor, Supervisor Stormont read the Assessor report as prepared by DeBoe.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski stated that he had nothing new to report as he gave the information in regard to Tenneco at our last month meeting and the planning commission has not met since then. At present they have no meeting scheduled until January of 2012.

Old Business: Whistlestop Park – Hart has nothing to report as they did not have a meeting. (b) Community Park/Trails update – Stormont says that they are grading and putting down millings at the south portion of the Grand River Headwaters. (c) Medical Marijuana moratorium – the 6 months moratorium is now expiring, however the Planning Commission is still working on the Ordinance. Supervisor Stormont recommends that we extend the moratorium for another 6 months. Motion by Hart to extend the moratorium on the medical marijuana resolution for another 6 months, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) Land Preservation – Lesinski states that there is some interest by some of the planning commission members to move forward on this. Lesinski will contact Susan Lackey and chairperson Pindzia to set up a meeting.

New Business: (a) Bids for Assessing, Taxes, Building – Dot Net System Proposal; the County is now using this system and there are 4 or 5 townships on the system. Loveland says this is an advance version of the BS&A software. If we go to this system, we will also have to replace most of the computers. This will have to be a 2012 budget project and more research is needed. (b) Bids for Snowplowing and Lawn Care – bids for snowplowing have been posted on the web-site and are due in to the Township Clerk on October 20th at 4:00 p.m. The lawn care bidding will be tabled and discussed at the October 25th work session. (c) Volunteer Energy, (natural gas saving) – by signing with Volunteer Energy, we can save approximately \$ 600.00 on the natural gas billing. There is no contracts to sign, it is a variable rate, you can get out of the agreement at any time with no penalty or fee to pay. Motion by Clark that we use Volunteer Energy for our natural gas provider, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Department Report: Chief's report shows that they had 16 medical calls 1 unknown accident, 1 structure fire, 1 arching wires (outside), 2 open burnings, 1 automatic aid given and 1 automatic aid received for the month of September. Chief Jones states the new tanker is in service, he attended a meeting in Lansing with State Representative Shirkey in which a memorial service was held for all fire fighters, police and civilians that lost their lives during the 9-11-01 attack on the towers. Firepersons have been working all of the home football games. Jacob Zenz is taking the medical first responders class at Spring Arbor. Fire safety week has now started for the month of October and eight 3 and 4 year olds from the Christian preschool had a field trip to the fire station. An application for employment was received for Shane A. Simmons. Some clarification is needed, therefore no approval was made at this time. **Bids for the sale of the 1985 Tanker and 1967 Jeep** – one bid was received for the 1985 tanker. It was

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from Cahill-Eldotread from Elyria, Ohio for \$ 6,125.00. After discussion, motion by Hart to accept the bid from Cahill-Eldotread from Elyria, Ohio for \$ 6,125.00, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. Four bids were received for the 1967 Jeep. Cahill-Eldotread from Elyria, Ohio bid was \$ 3,076.00, Garry Gitcho of Grass Lake for \$ 3,203.45, Greg Jones of Grass Lake for \$ 1,201.00 and David Falk from Sault Ste. Marie for \$ 1,505.00. Motion was made by Lesinski to accept the bid from Garry Gitcho for \$ 3,203.45, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Zoning Administrator Report: A written report was prepared by Nolte stating his activities for the month of September.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn at 8:47 p.m., supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

James Stormont, Supervisor

Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk