

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2012

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Hart, Lesinski, Bray present. Absent: Adams, Jr. Also present; County Commissioner David Lutchka, Citizen Patriot Reporter Shannon Maynard and 2 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bray to approve the agenda as is, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment: Commissioner Lutchka states that next week they will be adopting a "Jackson County Planning Commission. The one advantage in them having a Planning Commission is for applying for grants. They will be an advisory for the Townships, City etc. and they will be reminding Townships of the need for a 5 year update on their Master Plan and Ordinances. The County Planning Commission will consist of 8 members. Trustee Lesinski stated that he would like to have the board pass a resolution to honor Randy Cole for his leadership and distinction for obtaining his 100th win for Grass Lake Varsity Football. Supervisor Stormont asked Lesinski to draft a resolution.

Minutes: Motion by Bray to approve the October 9th regular meeting and the October 23rd work session, 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 \$ 37,048.25 and the Allocated Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 9,645.97, supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas; Lesinski, Bray, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr.

Treasurers Report: Loveland states that he has received the final revenue sharing check for year 2012. Loveland and Stormont met with representatives from County National Bank in regards to investments. They have what is called a "sweep account" and this allows them to invest in other Michigan banks. Also, allows more security and insurance on the amount invested. Motion by Hart to accept and file the treasurers report, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessor Report: DeBoe was not present, however Supervisor Stormont stated that the CPI has gone to 2.4 %, therefore your taxes may go up that amount if not already up to the equalized value.

Correspondence: Invitation from the Chamber of Commerce to attend the Holiday Open House at Sherwood Funeral Home on December 6th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Old Business: (a) Phone Services – Motion by Bray to switch our phone service to VOIP, to go with IVS for a cost of \$ 150.00 per month for both the Township Hall and Fire Station, to accept

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their proposal and not to exceed \$ 4,000.00 for new phones, switches and training, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Hart. Absent: Adams, Jr. (b) Whistlestop Park – Hart was not able to make the meeting, but received a letter asking to put a topcoating on the floor. Motion by Hart that we approve the proposal to put topcoating on the floor at a cost of \$ 1,059.00, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (c) Kalmbach culvert replacement – Stormont has not received a response from Attorney Fahey in regard to the Townships obligation in sharing the cost to have the culvert replaced. (d) Job description review – Stormont is working on getting job descriptions prepared for all departments. (e) Park Advisory Committee – Supervisor has not yet contacted Bob Hamel, all others have agreed to be on the committee. (f) Budget work date – November 20th, 8:30 a.m. (g) Lawn Care Bid Proposal – Bray has updated the bid proposal and will get it on the Web-site and Clerk to get a notice in the Salesman.

New Business: (a) Township Board, 4 year term of Oath of Office – All Board members terms expire on Nov. 20th at noon. Therefore, all elected officials must take the Oath of Office if at all possible at noon on Nov. 20th. (b) 2013 Summer Tax Collection fees – Motion by Clark to leave the summer tax collection per parcel fee at \$ 1.65, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Department Report: No report was prepared by the Fire Chief. **Old Business:** Fire Station Repairs bid – Motion by Bray to accept the bid from Chris Payne Construction to repair the Fire Station in the amount of \$ 8,270.00 with the condition that not to do number 2 and 9 on the bid sheet until we are 100% confident that the water problem is not coming back, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Hart, Stormont. Clark abstained due to conflict of interest. Loveland and Adams, Jr. absent

Public Comment: This was Scott Bray's last meeting on the Township Board and he stated that it has been an honor and privilege to have served the past 6 years. He chose not to run for re-election this year, as he does a lot of traveling with his job and still is involved with a lot of volunteer work. Board members comment was that he has been a great asset to the board and would like to see him back.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn at 8:26 p.m., supported by Hart.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk