

Approved Monthly Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Absent: Adams, Jr. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Gitcho, County Commissioner David Lutchka, Reporters Shannon Maynard and Wendy Wood. Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: Commissioner Lutchka stated that the Board of Commissioners had approved two granite markers to be placed at the Jackson County Airport to hold pictures of Pilots of World War II veterans. Jackson Monument has donated one of the markers and is purchasing the other for a cost of \$ 4,000. They have approved the installation of a new roof on the grandstand at the fairgrounds, Sheriff department is adding new technology, with many features at no cost. They have made an offer to a person for the Equalization Director position.

Minutes: Motion by Hart to accept the minutes of October regular, work session and special meeting as written, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Hart to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 44,899.03 and the Allocated Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$ 7,663.15, supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas; Hart, Bray, Lesinski, Loveland, Clark, Stormont. Absent: Adams, Jr.

Treasurers Report: Loveland states that the interest payment on the Fire Station was paid on November 1st, the principal balance is \$ 265,000 payable in full by 2017. Motion by Clark to accept and file the Treasurers report, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing Officer Report: Gitcho has not visited the property since posting of the notices 2 months ago. It was also noted that the property taxes have not been paid for 2009 or 2010 on the Pleasant Drive property.

Assessor Report: DeBoe stated that the State Tax Commission has announced that the 2012 CPI will be 2.7%. The current mortgage foreclosures in the Township is 68.

Planning Commission Report: Lesinski states that there has not been any meetings and they will not be meeting until January of 2012. Grass Lake Chevrolet is putting on a small addition and refacing the building.

Correspondence: Copy of Township newsletter from Attorney Fahey. Copy from "Fireplug" magazine of New Fire Vehicle, sponsored by Spencer Mfg., Inc.

Old Business: (a) Whistlestop Park – Liaison Hart states that there was no meeting in October. (b) Community Park/Trails- Stormont states that Bailey Sand and Gravel has the asphalt portion pretty much done, but the grass areas are too wet and could not get at them, but will finish all of it in the Spring. Some have already walked the trails and he has received good comments. (c) 9230 Cedar Knoll Property/3476 Pleasant Drive Property-The Cedar Knoll Property is in bankruptcy and we have been advised to do nothing. Attorney Ross Bower has sent a copy of a draft letter to go out and get bids for demolition of the buildings. (d) Soccer Usage Agreement – Bray stated that he had designed this after the Little League agreement, making a few minor changes. This is tabled to the November Work Session due to the fact that no one had a chance to read this before the meeting. (e) Dot Net Proposal – After discussion, the decision of the board was to work it into the 2012 budget. (f) Payroll Direct Deposit Update-Loveland had made up two sheets, one basically stating that as of January 2012 payroll paper checks will no longer be issued and the other listing the direct deposit information. Motion by Bray to implement the ACH direct deposit payroll checks starting in January 2012, supported by Lesinski. Yeas; 5 Nays; 1 Motion Carried.

New Business: (a) 2012 budget meetings – Supervisor Stormont would like to start on Wednesday and Monday from 9:00 a.m. to noon working on the budget. (b) Person needing 22 hrs. community service update – the person showed on Monday, worked only about 1 ½ hours and left without coming into the office and have heard nothing more from him.

Fire Department Report: Chief Jones states that we had 9 medical calls, 1 unknown accident, 1 vehicle fire, 2 open burning and 1 mutual aid given to Blackman Township, for the month of October. They completed fire safety week October 17th, for Kindergarten thru 2nd grade. Also did pre-school classes from Grass Lake co-op and little warriors, as well as Girl and Boy Scouts. They held their usual Halloween open house, which was another great success. Jacob Zenz has completed his medical first responder class and is now attending firefighter one class at Spring Arbor Fire Station. **Old Business:** Shane Simmons Application- Motion by Clark to accept the application of Shane Simmons to join the Fire Department, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Zoning Administrator Report: Nolte reports that he had 6 zoning inquiries, 2 assistance rendered, 3 zoning inspections, New Home/building zoning compliance permits issued after Site Plan Review 7 for the month of October. Tenneco completed construction on a new 11,000 square foot storage building and is finishing up a smaller 1500 ft. addition to the test center.

Adjournment: Moved by Lesinski to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., supported by Hart.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk