

Approved Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2012

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Also present: County Commissioner Lutchka, Assessor DeBoe, Citizen Patriot reporter-Shannon Maynard, Fire Chief Jones and 3 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited by all.

Agenda Additions: Under Fire Department New Business (a) Fire Millage Discussion requested by Adams, Jr., under New Business (b) Application for Fire Department Thomas Niehaus. Under General New Business (f) Work Sessions for 2013.

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

Public Comment: Commissioner Lutchka states that the River Walk Hotel bids are being reviewed by the Engineer. Due to the death of the 5th district Commissioner Pat Smith, the commission appointed Ken Price to fill the term. They are starting to work on 2014 budget issues. Heather Brown of the Grass Lake Little League stated that teams that are using the baseball fields other than the Little Leagues are not properly taking care of the fields. Supervisor Stormont asked that she give him a list of all the items that need repairs and he will contact the teams.

Minutes: Motion by Hart to approve the September Regular meeting, Work Session and Special Meeting, supported by Loveland. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Bray to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 46,450.25 and from the Allocated Fire Fund \$ 8,936.27, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland states he is still searching for better interest rates and the best at this time is 1% C/D at Flagstar Bank. All money for various accounts that were at Edward Jones Investment have now all come back to Farmers State Bank due to the policy and Auditor Determination of Edward Jones. Motion by Hart to accept and file the Treasurers report, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Assessor Report: DeBoe has been to a 3 day seminar at Traverse City and is now working on the sales study for 2013.

Planning Commission: Lesinski states they are working on details for the Marijuana Ordinance. Also will be talking to the Village and our Supervisor for working on the joint Master Plan. Resignations from the Planning Commission have been received from Bruce Pindzia and Amy Maier. Supervisor Stormont has talked to a few persons and will have recommendations by January 2013.

Old Business: (a) Phone Services – Trustee Bray plans to have all the information by the October work session. (b) Whistlestop Park – Liaison Hart could not attend the meeting. (c) 9230 Cedar Knoll Property- Steve Shotwell from the County Commission discussed with Stormont the possibility of funds under the Brownfield Redevelopment to help with the clean up of the property. At this time, Shotwell has not gotten back with Stormont. (d) Bids for Painting Exterior of the Township Hall – Have put an ad

in the Salesman and on the Website, bids to be in the Clerks Office by 4:00 p.m. November 18th. (e) Park Advisory Committee- Stormont does not have a full committee at this time and he has asked Bray to work on setting up the guide lines for the Advisory Board. (f) Fa-Ho-Lo Professional Service – Attorney Bower has contacted Fa-Ho-Lo Attorney and have come to terms with removing some of the properties that should not have been exempt and in the settlement, Fa-Ho-Lo will pay all of our Attorney fees. After further discussion, motion by Stormont that the Township Board follow the recommendation of Attorney Fahey in the Fa-Ho-Lo tax exempt MTT case, supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas; Stormont, Bray, Hart, Clark, Loveland. Nays; Adams, Jr., Lesinski

New Business: (a) 2013 Budget Process- Supervisor has handed out budget work sheets and asked that each department be preparing the budget figures. (b) Bids for Lawn Mowing and Snow Plowing- Motion by Adams, Jr. to renew the snowplowing for additional year with B & G Landscape Creations, LLC and put out lawn mowing bids for another 2 year, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (c) Bids for New Softball Field (GLSYL funds) – Motion by Hart to go with B & G Landscape Creations, LLC for work on the South Baseball Field, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) Maintenance for existing fields – Motion by Lesinski to accept the bid from B & G Landscape Creations, LLC to over-seed and fertilize all soccer fields and spot seed and fertilize two existing West ball fields, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (e) Donation to Leo’s (park clean-up)- Motion by Stormont to make a donation of \$ 200 to the Leo’s Club for clean-up at the community park/trails, supported by Clark. Motion Carried by voice vote. (f) Work Sessions for year 2013 – Trustee Lesinski would like to have the work sessions at a different time than 8:30 a.m. due to work schedule. This will be a discussion after the election when we will be having a new person on the board.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Jones states that we had 15 Residential Rescues, 1 Vehicle/PI incident, 2 fire alarms, 3 open burnings, 1 Automatic Aid Given to Napoleon Township for the month of September. **Old Business:** (a) Fire Station Repairs – Stormont has asked Chis Payne to get prices for each of the repairs that are needed to be done and bring figures back to the board before starting the work. **New Business:** (a) Discussion regarding Fire Millage – Trustee Adams, Jr. asked to discuss the fire millage. Results from the discussion was so that everyone understood that we would not have a fire department if we did not have a separate operating millage and that it also is how the board has been able to replace vehicles without going back to the voters. (b) New Fire Person application – Motion by Lesinski to hire Thomas Niehaus to become a member of the volunteer fire department, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., supported by Hart.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk