

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2010

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Bray, Lesinski, Adams, Jr. Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont present. Also present: County Commissioner Lutchka, Assessor DeBoe, Assistant Fire Chief Zenz, Hearing Officer Gitcho, Shannon Maynard from the Citizen Patriot and David Adams, Sr. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Under New Business (g) per parcel increase for school tax collection agreements, (h) moving and grading of top soil at Community Park, (i) Medical Marihuana building. Moved by Lesinski to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment: Commissioner Lutchka stated that the County received 1.6 million more in revenue than they had budgeted for 2010 and this revenue will go towards a new roof on the grandstand at the fairgrounds, work needs to be done at cascade falls, a couple of county parks are in need of some work and they plan to hire another Road Deputy. The Commissioners will also be approving at their next meeting the final procedures, scoring system and easements for the Purchasing of Development Rights. He suggests that Susan Lackey would meet with our planning commission to discuss what would need to be done so as to match our ordinance with the Counties. At the airport, they are ready to demolish the houses that they purchased for more run way. MDOT Aviation is taking care of the properties that will be going to court.

Minutes: A correction was made to the regular October monthly meeting. Under Old Business © Unison Cell Tower Lease Update, it should state, "they are still interested in purchasing our lease from Verizon". Motion by Loveland to approve the monthly meeting minutes with correction, special meeting, public hearing and work session as presented, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Bray to pay \$ 33,888.47 from the General Fund, \$ 13,591.45 from the Allocated Fire Fund and \$ 295.04 from the Community Park Fund, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Bray, Lesinski, Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark and Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Loveland states that along with paying the interest payment that was due in November on the Fire Building, he also made a payment of \$ 49,000 on the principal. This now leaves a balance due of \$ 300,000 on the Fire Building. We will also be making a down payment at the end of November in the amount of \$ 243,525 on the new fire vehicle. Motion by Hart to accept and file the Treasurers report, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing Officer Report: Gitcho states that nothing new is going on at Cedar Knoll Care Home.

Assessor Report: Assessor DeBoe states that she has no report for this month.

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Correspondence: Letter from Amy Heydlauff of the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation awarding a \$ 42,000 grant for the Grass Lake Community Sports and Trails Recreational Park Trail Development. Letter from Broadstripe requesting renewal of Cable Franchise. Letter from Jackson County Resource Recovery Facility regarding a 20% savings on our October 9, 2010 Saturday cleanup. Letter from LSL Planning, Inc. regarding planning issues in today's economy. Letter from Michigan Townships Association regarding the MTA Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund.

Old Business: (a) PLM Fee Schedule for 2011 – Supervisor has received a packet showing the estimated total cost for 2011 treatments and DNRE additional costs in the amount of \$ 10,962. (b) Unison Cell Tower Lease Update – A letter has been received stating that they are adding antennas and are marketing some sites in our area. (c) Whistlestop Park – Liaison Hart stated that they only have one quote on redoing floors, December 4th will be the annual Holiday Open House, election of officers was held, Dave and Joan Karle will be Presidents, Michael Fensler to be Vice President, Janette Childs is Secretary and Judy McCaslin is Treasurer. (d) Anti-Noise Ordinance Revision – Supervisor Stormont propose that we add to Item F. “call 911 Animal Control to Report Complaint”. After discussion, Stormont made the motion to make the change to Item F. as proposed, supported by Loveland. Voice Vote: Yeas; 6 – Nays 1 (e) Cemetery Fee Increases Proposal – Clerk proposed that for Open and Closing for Township Residents for a Spring/Summer/Fall burial to be \$ 550.00 and Winter burial to be \$ 615.00 plus gas for grave warmer and snowplowing if needed. Open and Closing for NON Township Residents for Spring/Summer/Fall to be \$ 650.00 and Winter Burial to be \$ 715.00 plus gas for grave warmer and snowplowing if needed. Burial of Cremains ONLY during April 1 thru November 1 for Township Residents to be \$ 150.00 and NON Township Residents to be \$ 200.00. Any type of burial on a Saturday or Sunday is to be a double fee. To purchase a burial site for Township Residents to be \$ 150.00 and to purchase a burial site for NON Township Residents to be \$ 700.00. The cost for foundations for cemetery monuments to remain at .30 cents a square inch. After discussion, Clark made the motion to approve the cemetery fee increases as proposed, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (f) Administration Fee or millage increase – Supervisor proposes that we table this item and that we get further information as to implementation date, can the Township Board vote to no longer collect admin fee and is this put on all taxes that are billed.

New Business: (a) Township Commission Appointments – Board of Review terms of Thomas Zenz and Garry Gitcho expire on December 31, 2010. Moved by Hart to approve the recommendation of the Supervisor and appoint Thomas Zenz and Garry Gitcho for another 2 year term on the Tax Board of Review, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried by voice vote. Construction Board of Appeals – the terms of Dick Clark, Chris Payne and Bruce Pindzia expire on December 31, 2010. Supervisor states that they all would like to continue. Motion by Clark to approve the appointment of Dick Clark, Chris Payne, Bruce Pindzia to a 2 year term on the Construction Board of Appeals, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. Planning Commission – the terms of James Phillips and Bruce Pindzia expire on December 31, 2010.

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These are 3 year terms. Phillips does not want to continue, but Pindzia would like to continue on the Planning Commission. Moved by Clark to appoint Bruce Pindzia to a 3 year term on the Planning Commission, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote. Zoning Board of Appeals – Chris Payne and Garry Gitcho terms will expire December 31, 2010. Moved by Hart to appoint Chris Payne and Garry Gitcho to a 3 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote. (b) 2011 Budget meeting schedule – meet on Wednesday, Nov. 17th and again on Monday, November 22nd for budget and work session. (c) Energy Saving Lights – Mike Hirst of Hirst Electric Company is going to give us a quote to replace our lights in the meeting room and offices as they are obsolete and in a very short time will no longer be able to get parts to replace them. (d) 2011 Transfer Station Schedule – Clerk had prepared the schedule and had approval of the dates from the Modern Waste System haulers. It was suggested by Loveland to change the wording on the ticket in regard to Grass Lake Township residents only and they must have a transfer station ticket. It was suggested we put “A Transfer Station Ticket must be presented prior to unloading.” Motion was then made by Adams, Jr. to approve the transfer station schedule with changes, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (e) Proposal for striping all tile floors and applying new wax – two proposals had been received, one from Kellie Clark for \$ 2300 and one from Stellar Building Care for \$ 1350 or to deep scrub and put on 3 coats of wax for \$ 775.00. Motion by Adams, Jr. to award the job to Stellar Building Care for \$ 775.00 to deep scrub and wax the tile floors, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (f) Bids for Seasonal Snow Removal – Only bid received was from Chris Payne Construction. The bid for the Township Hall for plowing, salting parking lot and sidewalks, shoveling walkways and in front of doors is \$ 135.00 per occurrence. The bid for the Fire Station for plowing, salting parking lot, shoveling walkways and in front of doors is \$ 135.00 per occurrence. Motion by Adams, Jr. to award the seasonal snow plowing of the Township Hall and Fire Station parking lots to Chris Payne Construction, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (g) Summer Tax Collection increase in fee for schools – the Township has not increased their fee per parcel since 2006 and we are told that there will be an increase in postage come 2011. After discussion, Hart moved we increase the per parcel collection fee from \$ 1.60 to \$ 1.65, supported by Bray. Motion carried by voice vote. (h) Grading of ball field 3 and 4 – Stormont stated that he had two bids, one from Lester Bros. and one from Concord Excavating. The bid was to move and grade all the top soil by the railroad track, Lester Bros. bid was for \$ 7.62 per foot and Concord Excavating bid was for \$ 10.00 per foot. After much discussion, Bray moved that we accept Lester Bros. bid to level and grade for ballfields 3 and 4 and not to exceed \$ 7,500.00, supported by Adams, Jr. Voice Vote: Yeas; 5 – Nays; 2 (i) Medical Marihuana – Supervisor will contact other Townships to see what they are doing, item tabled at this time.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief’s report accepted as presented. Cagney Recognition Plaque – Assistant Chief Zenz stated that the wording had been done and they were looking for a large stone for the mounting of the plaque.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn, supported by Hart. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor

Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk