

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Adams, Jr., Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Also present: County Commissioner David Lutchka, Assessor DeBoe, Fire Chief Jones, News Reporters Shannon Maynard and Wendy Wood, Heather Brown, President of the Grass Lake Summer Youth League and 4 citizens. Pledge to Flag recited.

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

Public Comment: County Commissioner Lutchka states that there is not too much going on at the County at the present time. The new County Administrator, Mike Overton is planning to get around to all of the Townships meetings to introduce himself to the local officials.

Minutes: Loveland wanted to change for identification purposes in the first paragraph of all 3 minutes, to state County Commissioner Lutchka, Joan Lutchka (delete and Mrs.). Motion by Bray to approve the August 16 regular meeting, August 30 work session and special meeting minutes as amended, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Budget Amendment: Motion by Clark to transfer from the General Fund (Whistlestop carry over) Fund Balance 101-000.000-390-000 in the amount of \$ 1,861.75 to activity 101-770.000-930.004, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Adams, Jr. to approve the payment of Allocated Fire Fund bills not included because of proper coding with those listed for a total of \$ 11,001.40 and the General Fund in the amount of \$ 34,317.25, Community Park in the amount of \$ 284.75, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Adams, Jr., Lesinski, Bray, Hart, Loveland, Clark, Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Loveland asked the board members to look at the Revenue/Expenditure report and under revenue account 575 it shows that we are 93.4% of budgeted amount and we have two more revenue sharing payments yet to receive. This is due to the fact that we had an increase in population on our 2010 census. Motion by Clark to receive and file the Treasurers report as presented, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Hearing Officer Report: In the absence of Gitcho, Stormont stated that the two ordinance violations, Cedar Knoll Drive and Pleasant Lake Drive, notices from the August 16th hearing had been posted on August 24th and that 60 days from the hearing the Township Board may take action.

Assessor's Report: DeBoe states that CSZ Appraisal Services are on track and have completed all of the field work. Two thirds of the data entry has been done and it will probably be January

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2012 before the public reviewing will take place. Monarch Press buildings and land will be going for auction on September 14th at 1:00 p.m.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence, However, Trustee Lesinski asked that the planning commission at their meeting discussed the Conservancy and Land Preservation and wondered what they needed to do to get involved in this.

Old Business: (a) Bids for Community Park Trails and Funding – Supervisor Stormont has received the grant money from the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation in the amount of \$ 42,000.00. Bailey Sand and Gravel Co. was the low bidder at \$ 44,660.00. Jerry Bailey was present and stated that he would like to make a donation to the trails of the difference between his bid and the amount of the grant. Motion was made by Hart to award the contract to Bailey Sand & Gravel Co. to do the work for the Community Trails, supported by Adams, Jr. Roll Call: Yeas; Hart, Adams, Jr., Loveland, Clark, Bray, Lesinski, Stormont (b) Whistlestop Park-Liaison Hart was unable to attend the meeting. (c) Park Ordinance Revision – Trustee Bray went over the revisions that were made to the Police Power Park Rules Ordinance. After discussion, a motion was made by Bray to adopt the Grass Lake Charter Township Police Power Park Rules Ordinance with changes indicated, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote. (d) Field Usage Agreements – Trustee Bray discussed the field usage agreements and comments were given by Heather Brown, President of the Grass Lake Summer Youth League. Due to the fact that board members had not had a chance to review these before the meeting, a motion was made by Loveland to table the Field Usage Agreements, no second was given to the motion, however, Supervisor Stormont asked that we read these agreements over and get with Bray by the end of next week with any feed back. (e) PLM Weed Permit Fee – Motion by Hart that we transfer \$ 1500.00 from the General Fund to the Special Assessment Weed Fund to pay the PLM DEQ permit fee, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote. (f) MTA, One Day Seminar in Ann Arbor on October 17th. If anyone plans to attend, you need to let the Clerk know by Sept. 22. (g) Donation to Coe House Museum – Clerk had checked with the MTA in regard to monetary donation to the Coe House Museum. Under the statue MCL 399.161 we could legally donate as this is a benefit to all Township residence. A motion was made by Loveland to support the continued good work of the people that have been working and updating the Coe House Museum, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business: (a) Festival of Tables, Grass Lake Schools – Clerk also asked MTA if this could be a legal donation and the answer was no. This particular fund raiser does not benefit everyone in the Township. (b) Donation to Weed Control program – this was already discussed under Old Business. (c) Legal opinion for Township to purchase property – Clerk had checked this out with the MTA and it is legal for the Township to purchase property, clean it up and then sell. This is the same as a foreclosure, where as the Township always has the “First Right of Refusal”. Adams, Jr. made a motion to table this, supported by Hart. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Department Report: Chief's report states that there was 21 residential rescues, 2 unknown incidents, 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire, 2 open burning, 4 weather alert and 1 automatic aid received for the month of August. Trustee Bray will put what information he has on the Web Site for the Sale of the Two Fire Vehicles. Still are in need of 4 pagers to be sent back to the American Messaging Company. Fire Department Applications has been received from Randy Sabo and Eli Weeks. Fire Chief Jones had interviewed the applicants and gave recommendation for them to be placed on the department. Motion by Bray that we hire Randy Sabo and Eli Weeks to the Grass Lake Charter Township Fire Department, supported by Adams, Jr. Motion carried by voice vote. Loveland then asked Chief Jones if he could get an updated physical report from Eli Weeks as the one that is attached to the application is over a year old.

Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Report: Zoning Administrator Nolte had presented a written report which was read by Supervisor Stormont. Trustee Lesinski who is on the Planning Commission asked if he could report from the Planning Commission meeting that was held on September 8th, as it was for site plan for Tenneco located on Willis Road. He stated that the Planning Commission approved 4 out of the 7 different plans as these were happening almost immediately. They are adding on more storage space for warehousing and a lunch room, plus they have a large increase in employees.

Police Power Ordinance Enforcement Report: Supervisor Stormont has received a couple complaints and has turned them over to Officer Sturgill. One was on Fry Drive and the other on Urban Road, regarding junk cars or unused boats and trailers.

Adjournment: Motion by Lesinski to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., supported by Adams, Jr.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk