

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Zenz, Harshbarger, Loveland, Clark, Stormont, Lesinski, Bray present. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, County Commissioner Lutchka, News Reporter Shannon Maynard and 1 public. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Old Business – (d) Mid-Michigan Rubbish. New Business – (e) Domestic Uniform Rental regarding rug service. Moved by Zenz to approve the agenda with additions, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: County Commissioner David Lutchka stated that according to the December reports, the county should have a good fund balance and the 2008 budget is less in dollars than it was in 2007. They have hired a new fair manager who has a farm background. They will be voting at their next meeting on adding additional service charge on landline phones for the 911 operation. The charge at present is .80 cents per line. They are also talking of putting the charges on cell phones, however the money will go to Lansing and then Lansing would send a portion back to the County. They have approved the upgrading of the software for the 911 operation, the upgrade will cut the maintenance by one quarter and the cost of the new equipment will cost half a million. The increase is for one year and they are proposing it to go from .80 cents to \$ 1.00.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes: Moved by Zenz to approve the December regular meeting, Budget Work Session and Budget Hearing minutes as written, supported by Harshbarger. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: Moved by Clark to approve payment of the monthly bills in the amount of \$ 36,886.33 from the General Fund and \$ 10,338.44 from the Allocated Fire Fund, supported by Loveland. Roll Call: Yeas; Clark, Loveland, Zenz, Harshbarger, Bray, Lesinski, Stormont.

Treasurers Report: Moved by Clark to receive and file the Treasurers report, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: Letter from Ken Straub of the Jackson County Road Commission, List of County Commissioners and dates of scheduled meetings, Strategic Planning Economic Development of Jackson County packet to read and PA 116 application for property that David and Karen Dorr have just purchased.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails update – Stormont had prepared the monthly financial statement. The Summer Youth League had given \$ 3,500. Not sure when Verizon Tower will be starting the installation of the tower. (b) Water District – Loveland stated that he had received a letter from Attorney Mark Nettleton showing the different steps that had to be followed. It appears that they want to do a partial vacating of the water assessment. Loveland needs to talk to Mr. Nettleton and get more information.

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(c) Sewer Tap Fee Increase- Loveland has called Lester Bros. regarding the sewer tap fee increase, but as yet has not heard anything back from Bill Lester. It was suggested that Loveland check in to others who are qualified to do hook ups in an active sewer line. (d) Mid-Michigan Rubbish – They have never sent in a quote or called back to the Clerk regarding a quote on our Saturday trash service or monthly dumpster usage. Zenz will see if he can get information from them.

New Business: (a) LDFA-SBO455 Amendment; Senate Bill 455 went through the house and the senate and the new language was added to the bill that would qualify Grass Lake as a LDFA. Stormont's packet outlined all the steps that have to be followed to have a LDFA district. (b) Board of Review – request from Board of Review members Wolfe and Holser to make Wolfe the alternate member and Holser regular member was discussed by Supervisor Stormont. At the December board meeting, Holser was appointed alternate and Wolfe regular member. Loveland then moved to change the positions so that Holser is the regular member and Wolfe is the alternate member, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried. (c) Request from Janson Associates for an inspection fee increase of \$ 5.00 – Due to all of the inspectors agreements coming due on April 1st, we will table the item until our March regular board meeting. (d) Summer Tax Collection Agreements from Napoleon Community Schools and Jackson County Intermediate School District – Moved by Clark to enter into the agreements with Napoleon Community Schools and Jackson County Intermediate School District for the Summer Tax Collection for 2008 @ \$ 1.60 per parcel, supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. (e) Domestic Uniform Rental, rug service- Moved by Clark that we pay the “buy out” fee of \$ 220.80 and no longer have rug service with Domestic Uniform Rental, supported by Zenz. Motion Carried.

Fire Department: Chief Jones states that we had 18 residential rescues, 1 PI vehicle accident, 9 unknown accidents, 2 mutual aid given, 2 automatic aid given and 2 weather alerts for the month of December.

Old Business: (a) Fire Station Building repair update – Chief states that repairs are done.

New Business: (a) Dec. 10th letter from Broadstripe regarding cable to the fire station - After discussion, Zenz moved that we go with Broadstripe with added verbage that there would be no charge after 3 years, and that they would also provide internet service, supported by Harshbarger. Motion Carried. (b) Letter of resignation from Norm Post – Moved by Loveland to accept the resignation of Norm Post from the volunteer fire department roster, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Joan Lutchka wished to compliment the Planning Commission for approving the rezoning request of the former Cedar Knoll property. The request by the owner was what the Grass Lake Charter Township Master Plan showed for that corridor to be.

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Discussion: Loveland asked what had been decided in regard to having monthly work sessions as was discussed at the budget hearing. It was further discussed, with the decision being that we meet the fourth Tuesday of every month. The first work session meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Adjournment: Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn, supported by Lesinski. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk