

**GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2022**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Lesinski at 8:04 a.m.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Lesinski, Brennan, Loveland, Golding, Bednarski-Lynch. Bray joined meeting at 8:10 a.m. Absent: Zenz.

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones and Deputy Clerk Harris.

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Brennan to approve agenda, supported by Golding. Motion Carried.

Scrap Tire Grant Update – The Township has received a grant again this year to collect scrap tires. This will take place at the Napoleon Township Hall on June 4, 2022. Due to funding the Township is allowed only one trailer. Bednarski-Lynch will make calls to see if another trailer can be provided or possibly pay for another trailer.

Building Committee – Lesinski would like to have a discussion and come up with a plan to move forward with the Township building. It was suggested that a committee be formed including board members, residents and builders. There was much discussion about various possibilities of construction, cost of construction and the future correlation of the Senior Center. It was decided to get rough drawings from an architect. An amount to spend on an architect would be set at the next Board Meeting.

1% Admin Fee vs. Other Options – Lesinski is concerned that asking for the 1% Admin Fee may be too much for Township residents due to other situations in the Village and County. Bray feels the Township still needs to consider the future even if the financials are good right now. Bednarski-Lynch would like to show residents the disbursement of property taxes. Loveland suggested waiting to add the 1% Admin Fee as it is not needed at this time and see what happens with the Revenue Sharing. The fee can be added at any time, so it will be reevaluated and discussed in the future.

Cemetery Ordinances – Someone has hung video cameras in the East Cemetery. Waiting to hear back from the attorney to make sure the township can legally remove the cameras. Language will need to be added to the cemetery ordinance prohibiting cameras in the cemeteries.

General Discussion – a.) Appointed Trustee Golding will be running for the State Senate Seat this fall which means he will not be able to run at the local level. He will continue as Trustee for now. b.) The building department would like to implement a process to extend permits. Lesinski explained how extensions are currently being handled. The new process will require the permit holder to request an extension in writing and will have to be approved by the building official. Only two extensions will be allowed and a fee with each extension will be applied. 3.) Lesinski informed the board what was discussed at the Parks Meeting. Financial records need to be turned into Township Board by March 16. 4.) A copy of the Planning Commission report was given to the Board Members. 5.) The Seventh-Day Adventist Church sent a letter informing the board that members from the church will be canvassing the community.

Motion by Brennan and supported by Golding to adjourn at 9:29 a.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Harris, Deputy Clerk