

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
July 13, 2021

**The regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lesinski. This meeting was in person as well as ZOOM.

**Board Members Present by Roll Call:** Brennan, Golding, Lesinski, Loveland, and Bednarski-Lynch. Bray present remotely due to medical reasons at his home in Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County, Michigan. Absent Zenz

**Also Present:** Assessor Diane Deboe, Village President Joe Deboe, Zoning Administrator Doug Lammers, Park Manager Jim Howe, Deputy Clerk Gail Harris, and approximately 13 Public.

**Pledge** to flag was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Brennan and supported by Bednarski-Lynch to approve agenda as presented along with two additions; e.) American Rescue Act and f.) Parks Report. Motion Carried.

**Consent Agenda Items: - Meeting Minutes** - Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to approve the June 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes with the correction 1<sup>st</sup> reading to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in letter b.) under old business, the June 22, 2021 Work Session Meeting Minutes and the June 22, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Supported by Golding. Motion Carried. **County Sheriff Report** - Sheriff Schuette gave an overview of the Sheriff's Department as it currently stands. He is down several deputies, but is planning on fixing things. Wants to use special funding from the COVID Relief Bill to help pay for the training at the academy for new recruits. The prison situation during COVID was extraordinarily difficult. Very happy with the performance of all of the deputies during a difficult time. Lesinski mentioned that he is happy to have Deputy Shackelford has working with the Township. **Assessor's Report** – Barry Wauldron, the new Township Assessor started working with DeBoe. DeBoe did an informal poll to see who collects the 1% Assessing/Treasury Admin fee. **Zoning Administrator's Report** – Lammers reported that Golding and McClanahan took advantage of the Citizen Planner class. **Motion** by Brennan to accept the consent agenda items as reported and discussed. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Bills:** Motion by Brennan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$65,703.42 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$16,384.82. Supported by Golding. Roll Call: Yeas – Brennan, Golding, Lesinski, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Bray. Nays – None. Absent – Zenz.

**Treasurer's Report:** Loveland stated that property tax bills were mailed out to property owners and emailed to mortgage companies the beginning of July. There is a new process of settling with the county on a monthly basis instead of annually. Loveland thinks this will be a better way to do it. Sewer bills are going out tomorrow. Motion by Lesinski to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence:** All entities involved with Leoni Sewer Treatment Plant received a letter from EGLE stating that the plant has experienced excessive flows causing unlawful discharge of

partially treated wastewater. Any new REU's may be delayed or put on hold until the issues are addressed.

**Old Business: a) – Quinn Property Update – Curtis Road** – A court date has been set for July 19, 2021. Lammers stated with Joe Smith being out of town that date may change. **b) – Maute Road Culvert** – No change. **c) – Grass Lake Aquatic Weed District** – Bernie Bowers submitted petitions for the Grass Lake weed control. He would like to get the process going as quickly as possible. Bowers has complained to EGLE for pulling the dam, because the water levels need to stay high and has asked them to repair it, but it may have to be replaced. Bowers also questioned the amount in the 220 fund and Loveland explained there are two different weed controls coming out of it. A letter concerning the safety of the park has been submitted to the county by Bowers. Lesinski stated the county is not following through with their part and he is trying to meet with Mr. Lewis in August. **d) – MTA Online Learning** – Previously discussed joining the platinum program which is a \$1,900 investment. It is within the budget and will be taken out of individual departments. It will run for a full year from date of payment. Motion by Golding to approve the \$1,900 platinum plan through the MTA online learning. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Brennan, Golding, Lesinski, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Bray. Nays – None. Zenz Absent. **e) – American Rescue Act** – The Township has until July 27, 2021 to apply for the money being offered. MTA strongly suggests taking the Township's portion and putting it into an account. A plan needs to be made by 2024 on how to spend the money. If the money is not used then it has to be paid back by 2026. Going to move forward with the process and begin discussing ways to use the money. **f) – Parks Report** – Would like to make the parks ADA compliant, but will need to see budgets from all sports programs using the parks. Need to prove loss of income to have a better chance of getting the money that's available. There will be a meeting with the different groups July 27, 2021 at 7:00pm. Loveland would like to put restrictions on the programs that don't comply with the requests. Bednarski-Lynch stated it would benefit all teams to provide the information.

**New Business: a) – Website Update Proposal** – The Shumaker Technology Group (STG) has partnered with I.T. Right to take over website production. The Township website now is set up on old framework and is difficult to change information and navigate. The new website will have updated features, including fillable PDF documents and will be user friendly and mobile friendly. There are two packages that are being considered. The cost of the Gold Package is \$2995. The Platinum Package includes additional features and enhancements for \$3995. The management of the website currently cost \$500 a year. With STG there are two options, \$500 a year and the Township will have to keep the information updated or \$750 a year and STG will fully manage the website. Bray thinks it's important to continue to update the content and asked if there is a training package with the program. Bednarski-Lynch made a motion to go with the Platinum package and \$750 a year for the management of the website. Supported by Brennan. Golding asked when STG could start. Lesinski will call them tomorrow. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Brennan, Golding, Lesinski, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Bray. Nays – None. Zenz Absent.

**Fire Department Report:** June report received and filed. Assistant Chief Jones stated that the situation regarding the Jackson 911 dispatch being directed to Ann Arbor for medical calls is now in the County Commissioner's hands.

**Public Comment:** Wendy Landos – Requested that Tim's Lake Preserve be added to the road repair schedule. Richard Jarzynka – feels the township or county should pay for the weed control. Joe Deboe – thanking everyone for their help and support with the Traffic Jam-In. All proceeds go back into the community. And reminding everyone about the Music in the Park, the Farmers Market and Heritage Day September 11, 2021. Deputy Shackelford – reviewed his

monthly report. There is a speeding problem in the village and gave out numerous warnings for expired tags, mostly due to the Secretary of State still so far behind.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm, supported by Golding. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Gail Harris, Township Deputy Clerk