

**GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
January 26, 2021**

This meeting was held by ZOOM.

**Board Members Present by Roll Call:** Lesinski, Zenz, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Butterfield and Brennan. Others in attendance: Jim Howe, Diane DeBoe, Doug Lammers, Greg Jones. Absent: Bray.

**Meeting** called to order by Supervisor Lesinski at 8:05 am.

**Opening of Senior Center** – Annie Lavergne has inquired about when the center can open back up. Need to go by County and State guidelines.

**Recording Secretary-pay & computer** – proposing a flat rate of \$100.00 per diem and look at used laptop that the Township has that could be utilized. One person was interviewed.

**Gravel Mine Ordinance** – Zenz asked the boards thoughts about having the Planning Commission members visit the gravel “pits” that have a SUP on a yearly basis, ~~weather~~ whether it be once, twice or whatever deems necessary to see the operations personally and make sure that guidelines are being followed as issued in the SUP. Possibly this could be a policy instead of part of the ordinance. If going to do should try and be done before the Mining Ordinance goes for final adoption. Majority of board members thought this to be a good idea. Lesinski and Lammers will contact the Township Attorney for guidance on this.

**Jackson Community Foundation “Mini-Grant”** – The Township received \$500.00 to use for community events, beautification efforts, recreational improvements, arts and cultural activities. Lesinski wanted the board to be thinking about how to utilize the money.

**Sesquicentennial Banners** – Grass Lake will be celebrating their Sesquicentennial this year. The DDA, Township and Village will go together to purchase banners to place above the street.

**Covid Meeting updates** – Any meetings through February 22 must be held virtual. We will keep watching for updates. The March Board of Review will also be virtual, if the state opens back up then in person can happen also. DeBoe is working on all the logistics.

**Increasing Sewer rates & LRUA updates** – Columbia did not sign the resolution that all others signed back in December. The LRUA has now hired a consultant to work with the Authority to move them along. Leoni treatment rates are increasing \$ 4.00 March through September 2021 and back to \$ 3.00 after that. Also, the routine maintenance REU rates with the Village are increasing \$ 1.00 to \$ 2.00. We also need to increase the tap fees. Loveland will be putting together some numbers for the board, presently he is thinking increasing each REU by \$ 4.00.

**Weed Assessment District** – Looking into what to do with the balance of money collected from the residents within the district (Grass Lake). Possibly another treatment or refunds.

**Marijuana Sub Committee** – More places are becoming evident of activity. A citation has been ~~wrote~~ written so waiting to see where this will go. Lesinski would like to form a committee to see if or what more the Township needs to do – Bednarski-Lynch and Brennan from the board have agreed to be part of it and he would like to ask Rick Murphy.

**Motion** by Bednarski-Lynch and supported by Butterfield to adjourn the Work Session at 9:18 am. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk